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1601. John, archbishop of Canterbury, to Bishop Ralph.

Certain seekers of alms go about to extort gold or money for the use of the fabric of our church, which they falsely pretend to be broken to pieces from the foundation. We enjoin your brotherhood that you cause such detestable errors to be reproved and openly inhibited throughout your diocese.

Canterbury, viij Id., March, A.D. 1340, and the 8th of our translation.

Annus Domini millesimus cccmus quadragesimus primus.

1602. iii Kal., Ap., A.D. 1341, at Wyvelescombe. The lord gave orders to the archdeacon or his official for the induction of Geoffrey de Alveton to the prebendal church of Bathewyke, presented by the abbess and convent of Wherewelle. Geoffrey admitted to the said church, being vacant by the resignation of Master William de Wyntereshulle, the last prebendary, made into the hands of Master Walter de Stauren, official of Lincoln, the see being vacant.

1603. 2 April, A.D. 1341, at Wyvelescombe. The lord admitted John de Kilveton, priest, to the parish church of Estcantokeshefd at the presentation of Alexander Loterel, knight.

1604. 4 Ap., A.D. above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted Richard, son of John Clerk (Clericus), of Cruk, to the chapel (with cure) of Wayford, vacant by the resignation of John de Weston. at the presentation of John Aleyn.

Same day and place. The same Richard, so being admitted, swore that if it happened that the vicar of Kyngeston be in any way bound by Richard de Rokeber', he will resign the said chapel.

1605. 6 May, A.D. above. Letters dimissory for James Benford, rector of the church of Jerlington, acolyte, to the order of subdeacon.

1606. 11 June, A.D. above. The lord instituted Robert Tomer', deacon, at Chiw, to the vicarage of Hengstrigge at the presentation of Raymund Pelegrini, canon of Welis, and prebendary of Hengstrygge.

1607. Brother Philip de Thame, the prior, and the brethren of the hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England, after reciting that whereas the parish church, commonly called "de Temple," in the suburbs of Bristol, was formerly appropriated to the Knights Templars, and subsequently annexed to their order, assign to the vicar who for the time shall be, 10 marks to be taken from the fruits of the said church. The vicars shall provide bread, wine and lights for the celebration of divine services. And they shall have "the small houses next the gate of our dwelling-house there."

In our house of Clerkenwell near London, 1 Feb., A.D. 1339.

Fol. 257 1608. Vicesimo quarto die mensis Maii anno Domini millesimo cccmo quadragesimo primo, &c., discretus vir Magister Willelmus Whiteby procurator Prioris et fratrum Hospitalis sancti Johannis Jerusalem in Anglia in quadam campo infra parochiam de Fulleham London' diocesi personaliter constitutus porrexit domino Radulpho Dei gratia Bathoniensi et Wellensi episcopo ibidem tunc presenti, quasdam literas sigillo dicti Prioris quo utitur in presentacionibus ad ecclesias patronatus dictorum religiosorum sub tenore infrascripto. Qui quidam episcopus optulit se paratum ad faciendam eisdem religiosis justiciam super contentis in literis predictis.

Presentibus Magistris Johanne de Carleton, Johanne de Middleton, et Johanne de Risyndon, clericis, et aliis, &c.

1609. Bernard de Sistre, archdeacon of Canterbury, nuncio of the Apostolic see, and Michael Petri, of Guellar', canon of S . . . , to the archbishop of Canterbury, the bishops of London, Chichester, Rochester, Winchester, Salisbury, Norwich, Ely, Bath and Wells, Worcester, Coventry, Llandaff, Exeter, Hereford, Bangor, St. Asaph, St. David's, Durham and Carlisle, and the chapters of York and Lincoln, the sees being vacant (reciting the letters of Peter, cardinal bishop of La Sabine, and Bertrand, cardinal deacon of St. Mary in Aquiro, dated at Avinion A.D. 1341, 19 April, in which are recited the letters of Pope Benedict xij., dated at Avinion viij kal., March, in the seventh year of his pontificate) requiring payment of the cardinal's procurations within the quindene of St. John the Baptist.

Dated at London, 8 June, A.D. 1341.

The witnesses to the letter of cardinals Peter and Bertrand are:—

Albertino de Argenta Rauenacensi diocese et Aluaro Petri clerico Legionensi nostri Petri clericis ac Bernardo Hugonis de Roseto thesaurario Albienensi et Magistro Petro de Arelate, cirurgio, nostri Bertrandi familiaribus testibus ad premissa vocatis.

1610. xiij Kal., July, in the year as above, at Chyw. William Aquilot, priest, was instituted to the vicarage of the parish church of Banewelle. The lord's official and master John de Middelton, rector of Bloedon, commissary general, to induct. The prior and convent of Bruyton presented the said William.

1611. v Kal., July. Henry de Forton, priest, admitted at Chyw, to the vicarage of Northouere to which he was presented by the hospital of St. John, of Brugewater.

1612. ij Kal., July, A.D. 1341. Licence for Walkelin, rector o Chedeseye, to let his church and farm to Peter, vicar of Estcammel, for a year.

1613. The official of the court of Canterbury to Bishop Ralph.

The petition of Master Thomas de Haselshawe, canon of Wells, prebendary of Wormesterr and rector of the prebendal church of Chiw, exhibited to us, contained that although he, fearing grave prejudice, appealed to the Apostolic see, you, nevertheless, have sequestrated the fruits of the said canonry, prebend and church. We inhibit you, &c.

Nastoke, vi Kal., July, A.D. 1341.

1614. Like inhibition dated at London, iv Non., July, A.D. 1341. Fol. 259.

1615. Submissio Thome Haselshawe, junioris.

Ego Thomas de Haselshawe junior nuper familiaris domini Johannis de Shordich militis juro ad hec sancta Dei Euangelia que manu mea tango, quod super omnibus offensis, excessibus

et delictis per venerabilem patrem dominum Radulphum Dei gratia Bathonensem et Wellensem episcopum michi impositis et imposterum imponendis stabo in omnibus ordinacioni et voluntati, ac dicto et laudo ejusdem domini episcopi, &c. Acta sub Dundray in quadam pastura juxta iter tendens de Chiw versus Bristoll' ix die Julii anno Domini millesimo cccmo xlii.

Presentibus domino Waltero de Rodeneye, milite, Magistris Johanne de Clebury et Johanne de Middelton, Johanne de Rysyngdon, Thoma de Rodeneye, Johanne Beket, seniore, Thoma Forneaux, Robert atte Hulle ac Stephano Tripp et Willelmo Cammel publicis apostolica auctoritate notariis.

1616. iv Id., July, A.D. above, at Chiw. The lord deputed Nicholas Sherere, of Taunton, priest, to act as coadjutor of Richard Couton, vicar of Brompton Regis, at the will of the lord.

1617. Id., July. The lord admitted Stephen Sage, priest, to the vicarage of Staunton Dru at the presentation of the archdeacon of Bath.

1618. xv Kal., Aug., year above, at Everecrich. Letters dimissory for William Umfray, of Jeule, acolyte, to all holy orders.

Fol. 260. 1619. The official of the court of Canterbury to Bishop Ralph. It has been intimated to us on the behalf of Sir Matthew de Vallencencis, archdeacon of Bath, that although he peaceably and quietly possessed the said archdeaconry with the jurisdiction of the archdeacon pertaining thereto, fearing prejudice it was appealed to the Apostolic see, you nevertheless disturbed him concerning the said archdeaconry. We inhibit and cite you and your commissary.

Bernes, ii Id., July, A.D. 1341.

1620. 3 Aug., at Everecrich. The lord instituted Robert de Werne, priest, to the chantry of the chapel in the court of Toukereskary at the presentation of Peter de Lecto.

1621. Same day and place. The lord admitted John de Messyngham, priest, to the archpresbitery of the chantry of Pokynton,

vacant by the resignation of John de Upton by reason of exchange for the vicarage of Kynemeresdon, at the presentation of Reginald de Paveli, knight.

Same day and place. The lord admitted John de Upton, priest, to the vicarage of Kynemeresdone, vacant by the resignation of John de Messyngham, at the presentation of brother Philip de Thame, prior of St. John of Jerusalem in England, by reason of exchange.

1622. v Id. Aug. A.D. above, at Everecrich. The lord instituted John de Pulle, priest, to the church of Lamyete, vacant by the resignation of Nicholas Dewdon by reason of exchange for the church of Stokegiffard at the presentation of the abbess and convent of Godestowe.

Same day and place. The lord conferred on the said Nicholas Dewdon, priest, the parish church of Stoke Giffard, vacant by the resignation of John de Pulle by reason of exchange for the church of Lamyete.

1623. The official of the court of Canterbury to the dean of Wells and John de Carleton, canon in the same.

Ex parte Thome de Haselschawe, junioris, clerici Coventrensis et Lichfieldensis diocesis, nobis extitit intimatum quod cum idem Thomas quedam negocia Magistri Thome de Haselschawe, Canonici Wellensis, ac sua, quorum cognicio ad forum seculare dinoscitur pertinere, coram Justiciariis illustris Regis Anglie pro optinenda justicia dumtaxat contra venerabilem patrem dominum Radulphum, Dei gratia Bathoniensem et Wellensem Episcopum, fuisset debite et civiliter prosecutus; venerabilis pater predictus asserens prout sibi placuit et pretendens dictum Thomam occasione premissa ipsum patrem apud bonos et graves apud quos prius diffamatus non extitit, difamasse, ac eidem crimina imposuisse et alias graves injurias intulisse; ac satagens jus sibi dicere et in causa propria judicare prefatum Thomam in quem jurisdictionem nullam habebat ad terminum nimis brevem et peremptorie coram se suisve Commisariis mandavit et fecit ad certos diem et locum sue diocesis ad judicium evocari. Cumque idem Thomas timens censuras ecclesiasticas in se posse de facto proferri si in hujusmodi

termino minime compareret, coram ipso patre in dicto termino comparere curaret; clerici familiares dicti patris et alii se amicos ipsius Thome fallaciter simulantes, et eidem dicti patris bonam gratiam promittentes ipsum Thomam taliter induxerunt, quod pro nitandis laboribus et expensis, dictique patris indignacionem et sevitiam declinandam super omnibus predictis sibi minus veraciter impositis, dicti patris sperans gratiam, sue bone gratie se submisit. Et cum idem pater virtute submissionis ejusdem, ipsum Thomam convictum reputans, cum non esset, eidem publicam et solempnem penitentiam in sua cathedrali ecclesia coram clero et populo notorie peragendam contra status sui honestatem et pro tam levi culpa pretensa nimium excessivam per se et suos clericos injunxisset, idemque Thomas humiliter peragisset eandem; Prefatus venerabilis pater contra prefatum Thomam ulterius satagens excercere vindictam eidem Thome majorem et duriorem penitentiam contra status sui decenciam nimium excessivam in omnibus majoribus et conventualibus ecclesiis ac singulis mercatis sue diocesis coram populo congregato peragendam, per se et suos clericos, videlicet, per Magistros Johannem de Middelton et Stephanum Tripp ad hoc specialiter deputatos injunxit. Videlicet, quod nudus et discalciatus incedens per ecclesias et mercata predicta fustigaciones turpissimas sustineret.

Although the venerable father was asked to revoke the punishments, or at least to mitigate them, nevertheless he and his *nuncii* abovesaid refused. Wherefore we order you to inhibit the said venerable father and cite him.

London, viij Id., Aug., A.D. 1341.

Fol 261. 1624. Mandate of Ralph, bishop of London, to Bishop Ralph or his vicar, the said bishop acting *in remotis*, to attend the provincial council of the archbishop of Canterbury in the church of St. Paul, London, on the first judicial day after the feast of St. Luke the Evangelist next to come. Also mandate to the same to summon the prior and dean of his cathedral churches, abbots and priors, elects having a full convent under them, archdeacons, chapters, colleges, and all the clergy of his diocese by two proxies.

Wikham, xviij Kal., Sept., A.D. above (1341).

1625. The official of the court of Canterbury to Bishop Ralph.

The petition of Sir Walter, perpetual vicar of the church of Stawey, immediately subject to the jurisdiction of the parish church of Chyw, exhibited to us contained that Masters John de Middelton and Stephen Tripp, pretending that they were your commissaries, caused him to be cited for judgment before them upon certain indefinite articles altogether unknown to him and at too short a term, scarcely containing the space of two days, &c. Wherefore we inhibit you and your commissaries.

London, xii Kal., Aug., A.D. 1341.

1626. 27 Sept. A.D. above. Sir William, vicar of Stoke next Chyw, appeared before us J. de Midd[leton], commissary, &c., at Claverton, and confesses that he is bound to Sir J. de Rysyngdon, rector of Jevele, in 40*s*.

Present. Robert atte Hulle and William atte Welle.

1627. The official of the court of Canterbury to Master John de Middelton.

The petition of Sir Matthew de Valencenis, archdeacon of Bath, exhibited to us, contained that although the same Sir Matthew quietly and peaceably possessed the said archdeaconry and on the behalf of the same [archdeacon] fearing prejudice it was appealed to the Apostolic see, you nevertheless pretending that you were the commissaries of Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, condemned him to be bound to the dean and chapter of Wells in 100 marks. We inhibit you and the said venerable father. Also cite the said dean and chapter.

London, vii Id., Nov., A.D. 1341.

1628. The official of the court of Canterbury to Bishop Ralph.

It has been intimated to us on the part of Sir Walter de London, dean of Wells, that although all and manner of jurisdiction, the punishment of defaults, crimes and excesses of the canons, vicars and ministers of the cathedral church of Wells, committed in the church and city of Wells, from a time, to the contrary whereof the memory of man is not,

have pertained and at present do pertain to the dean of the said church, you nevertheless ordered and caused Thomas de Thichesmersh and John Cherde, clerks altarists and ministers n the same cathedral church, by reason of certain excesses and defaults committed in the said church and city, as you pretend, to be cited to appear before you or your commissary to answer concerning the said defaults and excesses, at a certain day and place as well by virtue of your mere office as at the procuration of Master John de Middeltone, rector of Bloedone, Stephen Tripp, and William, your clerks *collaterales et commensales*, by a certain Nicholas de Iford, canon of the said church who was not bound to obey your commands in that behalf. We cite you and the said masters.

Nastoke, Non., Dec., A.D. 1341.

1629. We, Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, exercising the office of our visitation, caused Sir John de Sancto Paulo to be cited to exhibit his title as warden (prepositus) of our church of Wells at a certain day and place. The same John appearing before us showed that he was sufficiently secured. We dismiss him in peace.

Evercrich, xiv Kal., Jan., A.D. 1341.

Fol. 263. 1630. xiij Kal., Jan., A.D. 1341, at Everecrich. The lord admitted John de Holme, priest to the parish church of Leigh Militis vacant by the resignation of John de Moltone by reason of exchange for the vicarage of the prebendal church of Aisshulle at the presentation of John Aunger, lord of Leigh aforesaid.

Same day and place. The lord admitted John de Molton priest, to the vicarage of the prebendal church of Aisshull by reason of the exchange above noted, at the presentation of Roger de Nassyngton, canon of Wells and prebendary of Aisshulle.

1631. xi Kal., Jan., A.D. above, at Everecrich. The lord admitted John de Kymerich, priest, to the parish church of Calueston at the presentation of Dionisia, abbess of the monastery of Shafton, and the convent of the same place.

1632. viij Kal., Jan., A.D. above, at Everecrich. The lord admitted Matthew Cote, having the first tonsure, to the parish church of Fytyngton at the presentation of Geoffrey de Stawille.

1633. 17 Jan. The lord conferred the vicarage of Langesutton, by the Apostolic authority on a poor clerk, at Walton.

1634. 8 Feb., A.D. 1341. In the chamber of the registrar at Wyvelescombe Peter Seuenoke and John de Nelonde, priests, appeared before us J. de Middelton, commissary, and confessed that they are bound to Robert atte Hulle, clerk, in 20*li.* and we condemn each of them in 10*li.* Afterwards the said Robert promised that if the said Peter shall satisfy the bishop for the amercements in which he was and shall be mulcted in the King's court at the instance of John Devenissh and shall make peace concerning the litigation pending between them, then the said condemnation shall be surceased.

1635. Same day and place. Licence for Master Thomas, rector of Ake, priest, to study at Oxford for five years, so that at the end of each year he shall show before the lord letters of moral conversation and testimonial concerning the exercise of his study, otherwise the grace made to him shall be void.

1636. Wolstan, bishop of Worcester, judge for the things below written together with the bishops of Lichfield and Wells to John Maugeaunt, prior of St. Guthlac, Hereford, and Master John Rees, professors of the canon law, and William de Fowhop, canon of Hereford.

We commit our offices to you to execute the Apostolic letters obtained by Adam de Radenore against Master Philipphi de Vullenewyke and William de Thornbury.

Alvechirch, 14 Oct., A.D. 1341.

1637. 1341, Feb. 10, 8th year of the pontificate of Pope Benedict xii. Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, in his manor

of Wyvelescumbe, in the presence of me the public notary below written, constituted Master John de Carletone, canon of Wells, professor of civil law, his proctor at the Roman Court, and gave him power to act, &c., in his name.

Present, Master John de Middeltone, rector of Bloedone, and Robert Stowynge, clerk. And I, Stephen Trippe, public notary, was present.

1638. The official of the Court of Canterbury to Bishop Ralph. We have received the complaint of Master Thomas Trilleke, canon of Wells, and prebendary of Jattone, containing that, whereas all the perpetual vicars of the said church who for the time were, are bound to sustain the extraordinary *pro rata* charges of the portion of the same vicarage taxed at 6 marks from olden time, and subsequently Sir Richard Trilleke, perpetual vicar of the same church, was condemned by the official of the dean of Wells to satisfy the same Master Thomas paying the extraordinary charge for four years, the party of the same Master Thomas going to the dean supplicated that he would cause the same condemnation to be sent for execution but the said official did not take care to hear the party so asking but refused. Wherefore the party of the same Master Thomas supplicated you that you would do fulness of justice to him but you did not take care to hear him. Whereupon the party of the said Master Thomas has asked for a remedy to be provided by us. We order you that, if it is so, you cause full complement of justice to be done to the party of the said Master Thomas within the space of 15 days. Otherwise cite the said Richard to appear before us.

London, viij Kal., Feb., A.D. 1341.

Fol. 264. 1639. The official of the court of Canterbury to Bishop Ralph. The petition of Joceline de Pyn, priest, of the diocese of Exeter, exhibited to us contained that although the same Joceline was canonically presented to the chapel of Seburgh, of your diocese, by the true patron, you, at the instance of Edmund Balryge, of your diocese, refused to institute him. We inhibit you and cite you and the said Edmund.

Nastoke, Non., Feb., A.D. 1341.

1640. Id., Feb., A.D. above, at Wyvelescombe. It was ordered to the Archdeacon of Wells or his official to induct John de Nelonde into corporal possession of the vicarage of Stoke under Hamedon vacant by the resignation of Peter Sevenok, the last vicar, by reason of exchange for the church of Stowe Michaelis in the diocese of Exeter, to which he was instituted by the bishop of Exeter.

1641. Same day and place. The lord admitted Henry de Horsele, acolyte, to the parish church of Kydesford at the presentation of Peter Scalleford, custodee of Walter Bluest, the younger.

1642. xv Kal., March, A.D. 1341. Sir John Tryet, knight, lord of Oterhampton, appeared before John de Middeltone, rector of Bloedone, commissary of Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, and confessed that he is bound to Sir John de Suttone, canon of Wells, in 10*li.*

Present. John de Upton, John Raiour, clerk, and Robert de Erburghfeld.

1643. 19 Feb., A.D. 1341, at Wyvelescombe. The lord granted to Sir Walter, rector of Stokedeneys, that he can absent himself from his church and stay in the service of Sir Richard Cokan, knight, till Michaelmas. Every fortnight in Lent he shall stay at his said church for two days at least.

1644. xviij Kal., Ap., A.D. above, at Wivelescombe. The lord instituted John Hereward, deacon, to the vicarage of the parish church of Weluwe at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Cirencestre.

Same day and place. The lord granted to him letters dimissory to obtain the order of priest.

1645. vi Kal., March, A.D. above, at Welyngton. The lord Fol. 265.
instituted Jocelin Pyn, priest, to the church of Sauebergh at the

presentation of John Golde. And the same Joceline swore that he will preserve the lord indemnified against Margaret de Richeford claiming the right of the patronage of the same church, and that unless he could do that he would resign the said church into the hands of the lord.

Present. John de Rysingdon and W. Cammel.

1646. xv Kal., Ap., A.D. above, at Lidiard, Episcopi. The lord admitted William Groundeswelle to the church of Calneston at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Shafton.

1647. xviij Kal., Ap. in the year above.

Licence for George, rector of Staple. to let his church to farm to Walkelin, rector of Chedeseye, for three years. He shall pay 2 marks to the lord each year.

1648. 1691. xiij Kal. Ap. above. The lord granted to all the parishioners of Taunton that they can have divine services celebrated every day for a year at the morning hour in the chapel of the Blessed Mary Magdalen, of Taunton, by a fit chaplain at their costs.

At Wyvel[scomb].

1649. Same day and place. The lord dispensed with Henry de Horsele, rector of Kidesford, acolyte, that he can study for a year at Oxford.

1650. x Kal., Ap. The lord admitted Richard Dygon, priest, to the vicarage of Muchelnye, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Muchelnye.

At Wyvelescombe.

1651. Same day and place. The lord admitted John Kirkada, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Fifhide vacant by the resignation of Richard Dygon at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Muchelnye.

1652. The official of the court of Canterbury to Bishop Ralph.

We have received the complaint of Sir John de St. Paul, warden in your church of Wells, containing that although he lawfully possesses the said wardenship you conferred the prebend called Cumba tertia, vacant by the death of the prebendary, on John de Sutton, your *commensalis*, against the ordinance. We cite you.

Nastok, day before the Kal., March, A.D. 1341.

1653. The dean of St. Mary de Arcubus, commissary general of the official of the court of Canterbury, to Master John de Middelton, commissary of Bishop Ralph.

Whereas in the matter of appeal in the said court between Sir Matthew de Vallencenis, archdeacon of Bath, the party appealing, and the dean and chapter of Wells, the party appealed, the party appealing did not prove his appeal, we dismiss the party appealed.

London, xvij Kal., Ap., A.D. above.

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1654. vij Kal., Ap., A.D. 1342, at Wyvelescombe. Licence for Henry de Ablynton, rector of Aisshebrutel, to let his church to farm for three years.

1655. xix Kal., May, A.D. above.

The lord instituted John de Uppehulle, having the first tonsure, to the church of Camelarton at the presentation of Sir Oliver de Dynham.

Same day and place. The lord dispensed with the same [John de Uppehulle] that he can study for a year at Oxford.

1656. vi Kal., May, at Wyvelescombe.

John Reynold, priest, admitted to the vicarage of Bathewyke, by reason of exchange for the church of St. Mary the Greater, Iuelcestre, at the presentation of Geoffry de Alveton, prebendary of Bathewyke.

Dean of Bath to induct because the archdeacon was excommunicated.

Same day and place. The lord conferred on Stephen

Pendoke, priest, the church of St. Mary the Greater, Iuelcestre, by reason of exchange for the vicarage of Bathewyke.

1657. iv Kal., May A.D. above, at Wyvescombe. The lord admitted Robert Restwold to the church of Rymptone vacant by the resignation of Nicholas Husel, the last rector, by reason of exchange for the church of Langetone Blaneford, in the diocese of Salisbury, at the presentation of Adam, bishop of Winchester.

Same day and place. The lord instituted Nicholas Husel, priest, to the church of Langetone Blaneford, in the diocese of Salisbury, at the presentation of Elizabeth Gildene.

1658. iv Non., May, in the year above, at Wyuelescombe. The lord admitted Master Geoffrey de Wroxhale, priest, to the church of Babbecary vacant by the resignation of Sir Robert de Cheddre, the last rector, at the presentation of Elizabeth de Erleigh.

1659. Same day and place. The lord admitted Sir Robert de Cheddre, priest, to the church of Corymalet vacant by the resignation of Master Geoffrey de Wroxhale at the presentation of Nicholas Poyntz.

1660. 8 May A.D. above. Letters dimissory for Thomas de Hornesbogh, rector of Thornefagon, deacon, to obtain the order of priest.

1661. 11 June, A.D. above, at Trente.

The lord admitted Thomas Threske, acolyte, to the church of Jerlynton at the presentation of the lord William de Monte Acuto, earl of Salisbury.

1662. The official of the court of Canterbury to Master John de Middletone, rector of Bloedone.

It has been intimated to us on the behalf of Sir Walter de London, dean of Wells, that although the cognisance, &c., of

crimes, excesses and offences committed by the parishioners and subjects of the prebendal church of Wedmor, diocese of Bath and Wells, annexed to the deanery of the said cathedral church (of Wells), and also of the parish churches of St. Cuthbert, of Wells, Evercriz, Childecomptone, and Westbury pertain to the dean of Wells, you ordered some parishioners to appear before the Bishop, yourself or another commissary of the said father to answer concerning certain crimes and offences. We inhibit you and through you the said venerable father and all others, and cite you.

Bernes, iij Kal., May, A.D. 1342.

1663. iij May, A.D. 1342, at Wells, in the cathedral church. Fol. 267. Master John de Middleton, rector of Bloedon, commissary of Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, expounded to Sir William de Shepton, vicar in the said church, that the same father enjoined on the said William for the trespass and offence confessed by him and committed in the park of the said father, of Westbury, the punishment which follows, viz., that on Ascension Day next he shall hold a lighted candle of one pound of wax in the beginning of the mass of the B. Virgin and offer that candle to him celebrating the mass. Also he shall abstain from wearing his habit for the fourth part of a year.

Present. Masters William de Littelton, Precentor, John de Wamberge, canon, of the said church, William de Cammel, notary, and Robert atte Hulle.

1664. Same day and place. The same commissary enjoined on Michael de Walhop for an excess which he committed in the same park, that every day for the term of his life he shall provide a candle in the chapel of the B. Virgin Mary next the cloister of the cathedral church of Wells burning at the altar of the Blessed Nicholas in the celebrations of the three masses and on the five solemn feasts of the B. Virgin it shall burn in the five masses.

1665. iv Id., May, A.D. 1342. The lord, at Wyvelescombe, conferred on Master Stephen Trippe, rector of Westcamel, priest, a canonry of Wells and the prebend commonly called Cumba sexta.

1666. viij Kal., Aug., A.D. above. The lord admitted Thomas Fitz Robert, priest, to the church of Penne at the presentation of Richard de Chuseldene, the younger. At Aisshton near Bristol.

1667. 7 Aug., A.D. above. The lord admitted Master John de Heigham, having the first tonsure, at Pukelchirch, diocese of Worcester, to the parish church of Cherdelynch at the presentation of Simon de Bradeneye.

Same day and place. Licence for him to study at Oxford for a year.

1668. Ordinacio vicarie de Templo sancte crucis Bristoll'.

Ralph by divine permission bishop of Bath and Wells to all, &c. Whereas the parish church of the Temple of the Holy Cross, in the suburbs of Bristol, was formerly appropriated to the Knights Templars and subsequently was annexed to the hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England. And whereas no portion was assigned to the vicar, the prior and brethren of the said hospital appearing before us by their proctor and Sir John Jurdan, vicar of the said church, appearing personally. we decree that the prior and brethren and their successors shall take 100*s*. by the hands of the vicar from the oblations, fruits and issues of the said church, and that Sir John Jurdan, now vicar, and his successors shall take the residue of the oblations, fruits and issues. And the said religious men shall provide the small houses for the vicar for his habitation, in which the vicars were wont to dwell near the said church.

Wyvelescombe, xvi Kal., June, A.D. 1342.

1669. Writ to Bishop Ralph.

Know that Geoffrey de Stanwelle, in our court before our
Fol. 268. justices at Westminster, recovered his presentation against Philip de Columbariis to the church of Fytynton. Admit a fit parson at the presentation of the said Geoffrey.

Witness, R. Hillary, at Westminster, 20 Feb., in the 16th year of our reign.

Second writ to Bishop Ralph.

Know that Geoffrey de Stanewelle in our court before our

justices at Westminster recovered his presentation against Simon de Furneaux to the church of Fytynton. Admit a fit parson at the presentation of the said Geoffrey.

Witness, R. Hillary, at Westminster, 24 Jan., in the 15th year of our reign.

1670. A.D. 1342,—June. In the parish church of Ilemenstre Master John de Keynesham, rector of Obbelegh, in the presence of Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, took an oath in the form below.

I, John swear that I will appear before the said father or his commissary, when I shall be warned. Also that I will satisfy the costs in which I was condemned to the said father in the court of Canterbury at the next consistory.

Witnesses, Master John de Carletone, Sir John de Risyngdone, rector of Jeuele, and Sir Thomas de Radeclyue, chaplain.

1671. ij Non., June, A.D. 1842, at Ilemenstre. The lord instituted Richard de Langedale, clerk, to the vicarage of Staweye at the presentation of the King by reason of the temporalities of the priory of Goldclyue in Wales being in his hand by reason of the war between the men of France and the said King.

1672. 5 June, A.D. 1342. Walter, rector of Chiltone near Bruggewalter, appeared before us J. de Middeltone, commissary of the bishop of Bath and Wells, and confessed that he is bound to Sir John de Suttone, canon of Wells, in 17 marks. We, the said commissary condemn the same Walter in the said money.

Present. Simon de Farewy, rector of Lidezerd Laurencii, Nicholas Cleobury, rector of Kynggeslane, and Robert de Erburghfeld.

1673. Bishop Ralph to Walter de London, dean of Wells.

Whereas by reason of the correction of the crimes and excesses of certain parishioners of the churches of Wedmor and Everecrich some of whom Master John de Middelton our commissary general is said to have cited to answer before him and to have enjoined certain fustigations on some, a matter of question has arisen between you and the said Master John, we

have caused the deed of our commissary to be examined. We find that our commissary cited the said parishioners before him and ordered them to be fustigated for crimes perpetrated outside the places subject to your jurisdiction. And that the matter of litigation may be removed, we made known to you that any citations, &c., were made for crimes committed outside the places subject to you. Nor was it our intention to derogate you or your jurisdiction in any manner.

Wells, v Id., July, A.D. 1342.

1674. Ordinacio vicarie de Twyuerton.

Whereas in our visitation it was discovered that in the church of Twyuerton, appropriated to the prioress and convent of Kyngton, diocese of Salisbury, no one had hitherto been constituted vicar, nor had a vicarage been ordained in the same. We, by the assent of the said religious women, decree that the vicar of the said church shall take all fruits, rents and issues pertaining to the said church and the houses of the rectory with the curtilage adjacent, and that he shall support all charges and pay 100*s.* every year to the said religious women. We ordain that as often as the said vicar shall fail in the said payment, he shall pay one mark to the fabric of our church of Bath.

Everecrich, iii Id., Aug., A.D. 1342.

Fol. 269. 1675. xviii Kal., Sept., A.D. above, at Everecrich, William de Dodmerton, priest, was admitted to the vicarage of the parish church of Twyuerton, *jam de novo ordinatam*, at the presentation of the prioress and convent of Kyngton, diocese of Salisbury.

1676. Ordinacio vicarie de Bergh.

Bishop Ralph to all, &c. Lately in our visitation it was found that the vicarage of the church of Bergh', annexed to the archdeaconry of Wells was so poor that the vicar could not be suitably sustained. And whereas in the process which by reason of the premises we thought fit should be made against Sir Roger de Mortuo Mari, our archdeacon of Wells, for the purpose of augmenting the same vicarage, a certain ordinance made by John de Drokenesford, our immediate predecessor, was exhibited before our commissary containing the tenour below written.

To all, &c., John, by divine permission Bishop of Bath and Wells, greeting. Considering that Master Robert de Wamberge, our archdeacon of Wells, holding the parish church of Bergh' annexed to his archdeaconry for the sustentation of 3 chaplains to celebrate in our church of Wells, for our safety and of certain our predecessors &c., deceased, and also in recompence for the damages which the same archdeacon and his dignity sustained in the loss or necessary alienation of certain lands in the manor of Middleton, once belonging to the archdeaconry, presented John de Hampton Meysy, priest, to the vicarage of the said church with certain portions to be appointed by us. That is to say, the vicar shall hold one acre of arable land in croft called Pynokescroft for the habitation of the vicar and his successors. The vicar shall take all oblations, obventions, alterages and small tithes. The vicar shall pay to the archdeacons 40*s*. in the name of a pension in aid of the sustentation of the said three chaplains. All other things shall remain to the archdeacon and his successors for ever. Provided nevertheless that the portions of the vicar and his vicarage amount to 12 marks. The vicar shall bear all charges ordinary and extraordinary *pro rata*.

Dated at London, xv Kal., March, A.D. 1327, and the 20th of our consecration.

We, having considered the faculties of the said church, and the charges incumbent on the same, have withdrawn the said pension of 40*s*. and do discharge the vicar from the same and we have augmented the said vicarage beyond the portions contained in the said ordinance, our withdrawal of the pension aforesaid standing, under this form. That is to say, the vicar and his successors shall take annually from the archdeacon and his successors and the church of Berghes, 12 quarters of as pure corn, according to the circumstances of the parish of Berghes, as in the common judgment of men would be thought fitting for seed, viz., 4 quarters of wheat, 4 quarters of barley, and 4 quarters of beans. As often as the archdeacon and his successors shall be deficient in the payment of the said corn they shall be bound to pay 40*s*. in subsidy of the fabric of the churches of Bath and Wells, by even portions.

Woky, vij Id., Dec., A. D. 1338.

Hic mutabur data consecrationis domini Radulphi Episcopi. Fol. 270.

1677. Day before the Id., Sept., A. D. 1342, at Everecrich. William Peytevyn in the presence of Master Nicholas de Cloebury and William de Coleford swore to keep all things contained in the letter which follows. This indenture witnesseth that although William Peytevyn, of Melles, is bound to John Le Botiller, of Haydon, and John de Coleford or one of them in 20*li.* to be paid on the feast of the Nativity of the B. Mary 16 Edw iii, the same John and John grant that as long as the said William shall honestly and peaceably allow Ellen his wife to live and be sustained with him the said letter obligatory shall be held *in suspenso.* If the said Ellen commit adultery or consume their common goods in luxury and this can be confirmed by trustworthy men in lawful manner to the sum of 100*s.* then the said letter obligatory, shall be held for naught. Or if the said William shall torment her by way of chastisement then the bond is to stand good.

Melles, Saturday next after the feast of St. Bartholomew the Apostle, A.D. above.

Hiis testibus. Dominis Roberto de Fighelden, Willelmo de Langebergh, capellanis, Johanne Samuel, Johanne Dyme, Gilberto Noreys.

1678. Ralph, bishop of London, to Bishop Ralph.

We have received a mandate containing this tenour.

Johannes permissione divina Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus totius Anglie Primas et apostolice sedis legatus venerabili fratri nostro domino Radulpho Dei gracia Londonensi Episcopo salutem et fraternam in Domino caritatem. Illustris Regis (*sic*) Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie venerabili in Christo patri Johanni eadem gracia Archiepiscopo Cantuariensi totius Anglie Primati, salutem. Volentes pridem condescendere precibus et persuasionibus ex parte sanctissimi patris domini Clementis pape sexti per literas et nuncios nobis factis de pace seu treugis cum adversario nostro Francie ineundis paratos nos obtulimus ad tractandum cum deputandis cum dicto adversario de premissis; et propter hoc alligatis nostris literas et nuncios transmisimus speciales. Set dictus adversarius noster, qui, violatis treugis prius initis, fideles nostros depredare fecerat et interficere, tractatum pacis declinavit, in nostri et nostrorum subversionem conjurans pro

viribus et conspirans. Propter quod desiderantes tam discriminosis periculis nobis ac regno nostro Anglie et ecclesie Anglicane nisi Deus avertat, obviare, magnum exercitum armatorum, ad reprimendam ipsius adversarii nostri maliciam, et pro defensione regni nostri et ecclesie predictorum neccessaria, jam ad partes transmisimus transmarinas. Nos etiam passagium nostrum versus partes illas propter hec ordinavimus, sicut oportet, validum et festinum. Quibus incedere dum curavimus Scoti ad invadendum regnum nostrum hostiliter, et ad ecclesias, villas et alia loca incendenda, necanda, et eciam depredandas incolas dicti regni subdole se pararunt. Pro quorum repellenda facilius injuria regni nostri, quosdam nobiles cum eorum forcia grandi ad marchias Scocie festinanter nos oportuit destinare. Et quia super hiis et aliis nos ac statum et regimen dicti regni defensionem et honorem dicte ecclesie et utilitatem rei publice, summe tangentibus, ut communibus periculis per consilia communia obvietur, consilium, auxilium et avisamentum vestrum et suffraganeorum vestrorum, ac cleri vestrarum diocesis et provincie habere volumus evicino specialiter vos rogamus et in fide et dilectione quibus nobis tenemini, injungimus et mandamus quod ad tertium diem post festum sancte Fidis virginis proximo futurum dictos suffraganeos vestros et clerum in ecclesia sancti Pauli Londonio convocari faciatis. Ita quod vos et ipsi sitis tunc ibidem super premissis cum deputandis per nos si presentes non fuerimus, tractaturi, et vestra consilium et auxilium impensuri, ulteriusque facturi quod tunc ibidem contigerit ordinari. Et hoc sicut nos et honorem nostrum diligitis nullatenus omittatis.

Teste me ipso apud Turrim London', xv die Augusti anno regni nostri Anglie xvj°, regni vero nostri Francie tercis.

Nos vero preceptis regiis hujusmodi attentis periculis ecclesie Anglicane ac eidem regi et incolis regni sui, &c. Vestre fraternitati committimus et mandamus firmiter injungentes, quatinus fratres nostros coepiscopos et suffraganeos nostros, Cantuariensis provincie, &c., citari peremptorie faciatis quod compareant coram nobis vel nostris Commissariis tercio die juridico post festum sancte Fidis virginis proximo nunc futurum in ecclesia sancti Pauli London, &c.

Datum apud Otteford, decimo Kal., Septembris anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo quadragesimo secundo, et nostre translationis nono

By authority of which mandate we cite you. Moreover, cite the dean and prior of your cathedral churches, &c.

Oresete, v Kal., Sept., A.D. (1342).

Fol. 271. 1679. Ralph, bishop of London, to Bishop Ralph, summoning him to attend the convocation at St. Paul's Church, London, on Monday next after the feast of the Translation of St. Edward the King, viz., ii Id., October next.

Orsete, v Kal., Sept., A.D. (1342).

See "Wilkins' Concilia," vol. ii, p. 710.

Fol. 272. 1680. iij Kal., Oct., A.D. 1342, at Bath. The lord conferred the archdeaconry of Bath with the parish church of Staunton, annexed to the same archdeaconry on Master Walter de Hulle, priest, by reason of exchange with Sir Matthew de Valencenis, subdean of Wells. The precentor and chancellor of Wells, and Master John de Middelton, rector of Bloedon, the lord's commissary-general to induct.

The commissary inducted him.

Same day and place the lord conferred the subdeanery of Wells, with the church of Woky annexed to the same subdeaconry, on Sir Matthew de Vallencenis, deacon, by reason of exchange with Master Walter de Hulle for the archdeaconry of Bath.

1681. Kal., Oct., A.D. above, at Claverton. The lord admitted Nicholas Le Bole, priest, to the chantry of Siridestoa at the presentation of John de Reigny, knight.

1682. Bishop Ralph to his official, and his archdeacon of Bath.

The election of brother Walter de Moryton as abbot of the monastery of Glaston, having been intimated to us, we committed our offices to Master John de Middelton, rector of Bloodon to do the things which are required in that behalf. And whereas we being in remote parts, cannot attend to arrange what the day of calling and proclamation requires, commit our

offices to you to hear gainsayers, &c., and to do further what the quality of the matter demands.

London, viij Kal., Nov., A.D. 1342.

1683. Summons for Bishop Ralph to attend the Great Council at Westminster, on Wednesday next after the feast of St. Edward the Confessor.

Teste at Eastry, 12 Sept., 16 Edw. iii.

1684. 8 Nov., in the year aforesaid.

Master John de Middelton, rector of Bleodon, commissary of the bishop of Bath and Wells, sitting in the church of Lidierd Episcopi instituted Sir William de Lawele, priest, to the church of Lutton to which he was presented by Sir Bartholomew Tirrel, canon of Wells.

1685. Bishop Ralph to Brother Walter de Monyngton, his monk of Glaston.

The election of your person as abbot of Glaston having been examined, we confirm it.

Taunton, 7 Nov., A.D. 1342.

Bishop Ralph to the prior and convent and all the monks of Glaston.

The election of Brother Walter de Monyngton as abbot, having been examined, we confirmed it. We order you that you obey him as your abbot.

At Taunton, as in the last letter.

Bishop Ralph to the archdeacon of Wells or his official. Fol. 273.

Because we have confirmed the election of Brother Walter de Monyngton, monk of Glaston, as abbot of the said monastery we order you that, installing the same Walter or his proxy in his name as the custom is, you induct him.

Taunton, as above.

1686. 15 Dec., at Milverton. The lord instituted Thomas Foxton, priest, to the parish church of Kynewardeston at the

presentation of the prior and convent of St. Saviour, of Bermundeseye, by reason of exchange for his vicarage of Northpederton.

Same day and place. The lord instituted Nicholas de Somerton, priest, to the vicarage of Northpederton at the presentation of Philip de Thame, prior of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England, by reason of exchange for his church of Kynwardeston.

1687. Same day at Wyvelescombe.

The lord instituted William de Lambourne, having the first tonsure, to the parish church of Radestoke at the presentation of Philip de Wellesleigh.

The day after at Wyvelescombe.

The lord dispensed with the same man that he can stay in the schools at Oxford for a year.

1688. A tresnoble prince et seignur sire Edward par la grace de Dieu Roi Dengleterre et de France et Seignur D'irlaund le soen si luy plest Chapeleyn Rauf par mesme la grace Evesqe de Baa et de Welles reverencez et honurs. Tresnobie seignur en droit de coe qe vous nous priastez par voz amiablez lettres de vous apprester trois cent livres de suz la disme anuale. A vous ore graunte et a prendre de la disme avauntdite vullez sil plaise a vostre seignurie saver qe verraimentz mesqe nostre volente ysoit de voz prierez perfournir. Nous ne avouns pas a ore deniers prests en maynz, dount a vostre tresnoble seignurie priems humblement qe vous nous vullez avoir bonementz excuse. Et eiauntz regard as voz grossez busoignez et vostre grant necessite, si avoms taunt fait devers la Clergie de nostre diocise qe par la ou la dite disme anuale font graunte appaier as festes del Annunciacion nostre dame et seint Piere ensywaunt en comensement D'august si ount ils grauntez appaier la dite disme a lez festes de Purificacion nostre dame et la Natavite seint Johan proscheyn avenirs. Tresnoble seignur Dieu pur sa mercy vous savue et doyntz bon esploit en voz busoignez.

Escripte a Wyvelescombe.

1689. Day before the Non., Dec., A.D. 1342, at Wyvelscombe. The lord instituted Sir John de Sutton, priest, to the parish church of Hutton, at the presentation of John Le Walshe.

1690. Non., Dec., A.D. above at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted Matthew de Vallencenis to the parish church of Langele Bourel, diocese of Salisbury, by reason of exchange for the subdeanery of Wells, at the presentation of John de la Mare, knight.

Same day and place. The lord conferred the subdeanery of Wells on William de Lavyngton by reason of exchange for the church of St. Mary of Langele Bourel.

Same day and place. The same William, in the chapel of the lord, after the collation, swore obedience to the lord and that he will preserve the bishop indemnified as regards all writs obtained and to be obtained by reason of Matthew de Vallencenis, action in the King's court against the said bishop, and that he will be zealous for the dignity, rights, honour and jurisdiction of the said bishop, that he will never go against the same bishop, and that he will reside according to the custom of the church.

Presentibus. Domino Johanne de Rysyndon. Johanne de Bathonia, et Laweleye.

Afterwards Matthew de Vallencenis swore that he will preserve as well the said bishop as the said William indemnified as regards the said writs.

1691. Ordinance of Bishop Ralph concerning the observance of feast days in his diocese.

[Printed in "Wilkins's Concilia" vol. ii, p. 711.]

1692. v Kal., A.D. above at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted John Broun, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Hampton juxta Bath at the presentation of the prior and chapter of Bath. Fol. 274.

1693. Publication of the constitutions of William de Button, formerly bishop of Bath and Wells.

["Wilkins's Concilia" vol. ii, p. 711.]

1694. 11 Jan., A.D. above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted William de Monte Acuto acolyte to the parish church of Sutton Montagu near Babbecary, at the presentation of Nicholas de Monte Acuto.

12 Jan. The lord dispensed with the same William that he can stay in the schools for a year.

Wyvelescombe, as above.

1695. Lately we, John de Middelton, rector of Bloedon commissary general of Bishop Ralph, published the constitutions of William de Bitton, formerly bishop of Bath and Wells, which commence thus—"Quoniam domus domum Dei, &c." But some in and of the church of Wells think they are harmed by reason of such publication and decree. We revoke the said publication and decree.

1696. xix Kal. Feb. anno supra, at Wyvelescombe. Licence for John de Apperleigh to have divine services celebrated in his oratory of Apperleigh in the parish of Stanleigh for one year by a fit chaplain.

1697. The official of the court of Canterbury to the chancellor of Wells and the archdeacon of Bath.

It has been intimated to us on the behalf of Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, that although no custody of the sequestration of the fruits, rents and issues of the oblations of the archdeaconry of Totton, in the church of Exeter, by authority of the Roman Court or any other was committed to the said venerable father, and it was appealed on behalf of the said venerable father to the Apostolic see, nevertheless Durand de Sancto Salvatore, dean of Carthaginc, pretending that he was appointed by the Apostolic see as executor for the things below written under a certain form, and asserting that the custody of the sequestration of the fruits, &c. aforesaid was committed to him by reason of certain litigation concerning the said archdeaconry between Master John Peter, of the one part, and Master John de Northwode, of the other part, ordered the said fruits, &c. to be taken. Wherefore we order you that you inhibit the said Durand and one the said John Peter.

Lateran, Non., Feb., A.D. 1342.

1698. Bishop Ralph to the precentor and chancellor of Wells, and Master Walter de Hulle, archdeacon of Bath.

We commit our offices to you and each of you to admit all penitents until the octaves of Easter next to come.

Wyvelescombe, viij Kal., March, A.D. 1342, and the 14th year of our consecration

1699. Bishop Ralph to the abbot and convent of Glaston, of the order of St. Benedict, and to all monks and brethren of the same, and others. Fol. 275.

Know that we have received the letters of the lord Gaucelini, bishop of Albano, presented to us by brother Thomas Everard, priest, monk of the said monastery under the tenours below written.

Gaucelin, bishop of Albano, to the bishop of Wells or his penitenciarius greeting. The petition presented to us on the behalf of Thomas Everard, priest, a monk of Glaston, contained that he laid violent hands, on a certain clerk to the effusion of blood, but without excess or immoderate intent. On account of which he incurred the sentence of excommunication. And so being tied he ministered in his orders, but through ignorance of the law. Wherefore he has caused it humbly to be supplicated for a remedy to be provided by the Apostolic see. We therefore commit to you that, if it is so you absolve him from the said sentence this time.

Avinion, v Non., May, A.D. 1342. The Apostolic see vacant.

Also, Gaucelin, bishop of Albano to the bishop of Wells &c. The petition of Thomas Everard, priest, contained that because he violated the ordinances and statutes of the liberties of the Anglican churches contained in Magna Carta ordained by the King of England and the clergy and people of his kingdom, he incurred the sentence of excommunication, and so being tied, through ignorance of the law he ministered in his orders. We commit to you that, if it is so, you absolve him.

Avinion, v Non., May, A.D. 1342.

We therefore absolve the same brother Thomas from the said sentences.

Wyvelescombe, vij Kal., March, A.D. above.

1700. The official of the court of Canterbury to the chancellor and subdean of Wells.

Whereas we, lawfully proceeding in the matter of an appeal which turned by reason of a certain inquisition concerning the estimation of the fruits, rents and issues of the prebend of Wormesterre and the prebendal church of Chyw, diocese of Bath and Wells, sequestrated by Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, or by his order, made by Sir Richard Le White, dean of Bristol, diocese of Worcester, according to the effect of a decree clandestinely promulgated by the president of the said court concerning the revocation of the said promulgated sequestration, between the said father and Master Thomas de Haselsschawe, prebendary of the said prebend and rector of the said church, thought fit to grant the benefit of protection, &c. And we have revoked the inquisition made by the said Sir Richard and also any monition made by a certain Sir William Vernay, priest, by the order of the said Sir Richard for the said father to pay the said Master Thomas 100*li.*

London, ii Id., Feb., A.D. 1342.

Fol. 276 1701. ij Id., March, at Wyvelescombe. Richard le Cartere, admitted to the cured chapel of Putteneye, archdeacon of Wells to induct.

1702. Summons for Bishop Ralph to attend the Parliament to be held at Westminster on Monday next after the quindene of Easter next to come.

Commencing. Quia ob reverentiam domini summi pontificis et sedis apostolice, et ad instantiam venerabilium patrum dominorum Pelestrini et Tusculanensis episcoporum sacrasancta Romane ecclesie cardinalium et dictorum summi pontificis atque sedis nunciorum propter hoc ad nos specialiter transmissorum, quedam treuga sub spe pacis honorabiliter inter nos et adversarios nostros Francie jam est inita et firmata, et ad tractandum de dicta pace juxta conductum super hoc habitum, solempnes nuncios citra festum Nativitatis sancti Johannis Baptiste, habemus ad Romanum Curiam destinare. . .

Ending. Teste Edwardo Duce Cornubie et comite Cestrie, filio nostro carissimo, custode Anglie apud Biflete, xxiiij die

Februarii anno regni nostri Anglie decimo septimo regni vero nostri Francie quarto.

Printed in Dugdale's "Summonses to Parliament," p. 222.

1703. xvij Kal., Ap., A.D. 1342, at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted John de Trente to the vicarage of the prebendal church of Aisshulle by reason of exchange for the church of Penne Dommer at the presentation of Roger de Nassyngton, canon of Wells, and prebendary of the said prebend.

Same day and place. The lord instituted John de Molton, priest, to the parish church of Penne Dommere by reason of exchange for the vicarage of Aisshull, at the presentation of Richard Dommere.

1704. xij Kal., Ap., A.D. above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted William de Boulton, acolyte, to the church of Wotton at the presentation of the King by reason of the custody of the priory of Stokecurcy being in his hand on the occasion of the war between the King and his adversaries of France.

1705. Bishop Ralph to the archdeacon of Bath.

We commit our offices to you to receive and examine the inquisition made by our command concerning the parish church of Blakedon, and to admit Sir Hugh de Noua Aula, priest, to the said church, and to institute him in the same, having first received the resignation of Sir Thomas Bouy, incumbent of the said church.

Wyvelescombe, last day of March, A.D. 1343.

1706. For the cardinal's procurations.

Peter, bishop of Pelestrina, vice-chancellor of the holy Roman church, and Anibald, bishop of Tuscany, nuncios of the Apostolic see, to Bishop Ralph or his vicar, &c. Pope Clement vi. appointing us to France and England for great and arduous affairs granted us letters in this form.

Clement, the bishop, servant of the servants of God, to his venerable brethren Peter, bishop of Pelestrina, vicechancellor of the holy Roman church, and Anibald, bishop of Tuscany, nuncios of the Apostolic see. Whereas we destine you to the

kingdom of England for great and arduous affairs, we grant to you and each of you free faculty to receive the like procurations which one of the cardinals of the holy Roman church, a legate of the Apostolic see, or a nuncio in the said kingdom of England has been accustomed to receive for his procurations from the archbishops, bishops, &c.

Avinion, ii Kal., June, in the first year of our pontificate.

Also. Clement, &c. to (the same). Whereas we destine you (as above). But intending that the said grant may have its effect more fully we grant to you and each of you full faculty to compel the prelates, &c., by censure to contribute to the procurations due to you notwithstanding any privileges, indulgences, and Apostolic letters.

Avinion, ii Kal., June, in the first year of our pontificate.

Fol. 278. We, by the apostolic authority commit our offices to you to levy, &c. Also we grant to you faculty to check gainsayers and rebels by ecclesiastical censure.

Tournay, ii Kal., Nov., A.D. 1342.

1707. Bishop Ralph to the prior of Taunton.

We have received the letters of the reverend fathers Peter, bishop of Pelestrina, and Anibald, bishop of Tuscany, which we send you to inspect. We therefore, hindered by various and arduous affairs from executing the premises, commit our offices to you to exact the said procurations.

Wyvelescombe, iij Non., Ap., A.D. 1343.

1708. Bishop Ralph to the archdeacon of Wells, or his official.

We have received the letters of the reverend fathers, as above. By authority of which letters we enjoin and command you that you bring or by another or others you cause it to be brought to the notice of all being within the ambit of your archdeaconry concerning what mention is made in the said letters. And also compel all abbots, priors, deans and others named in the said letters to show you the books or writings, &c., concerning the like procurations had. Warn all within the ambit of the said archdeaconry who are bound to the payment

of the said procuration, that they pay the said procurations to the prior of Taunton, whom we have appointed sub-collector.
Wyvelescombe, vi Id., Ap., A.D. 1343.

1709. 2 May, A.D. 1343, at London. The lord dispensed with Thomas Threske, rector of the church of Jerlyngton, that he can absent himself from his said church for three years, and in the meantime let his church to farm. Each of the said three years he shall distribute one mark to his poor parishioners and expend 20*s*. each year on the repairs of the houses of the rectory. He shall leave a fit proxy there.

1710. Kal., May, A.D. above, at London. He dispensed with John de Uphulle, rector of the church of Camelerton, sub-deacon, that he can stay in the schools for two years.

1711. The official of the court of Canterbury to Bishop Ralph.
The petition of Sir Hugh de Neuhalle, priest, exhibited to us contained that although the same Sir Hugh was presented to the church of Blakedon, you nevertheless at the instance or procuration of Thomas de Bovy did not take care to institute him. We inhibit you. Cite the said Thomas to appear before us.
London, vi Id., May, A.D. 1343.

1712. John, archbishop of Canterbury, to Bishop Ralph.
We send you the constitutions and remedies provided by your consent and that of our brethren, suffragans and co-bishops present at our council lately celebrated at London, ordained for the correction of certain excesses, &c., firmly enjoining that you bring them to the notice of all.
Lambeth, xiv Kal., June, A.D. 1343.

1713. Letter certificatory of the same. Fol. 279.
Which said letters we have duly caused to be sent for execution according to their effect.
Evercrich, iij Kal., Oct., in the year above.

1714. Memorandum quod quinto Junii anno Domini millesimo ccc xliij Walterus de Cleobury executor Magistri Nicholai de

Cleobury defuncti infra decem dies á morte dicti defuncti apud Evercrich infra curiam domine Radulphi Bathoniensis et Wellensis episcopi personaliter constitutus, protestabatur quod si constitucio "Suscepti regis" super fructibus ecclesie de Kyngeslane locum habere debeat quod ipse acceptat residuum dicte ecclesie taxa successori dimissa.

Presentibus. Willelmo de Cammel. Johanne de Beere et Thoma Gussich testibus, ac Magistro Stephano Tripp rectore de Westcammel.

1715. 8 June, A.D. above, at Evercrich. The lord granted to John Body, having the first tonsure, letters dimissory to obtain all minor orders.

1716. Bishop Ralph to the archdeacon of Taunton or his official.

The lord Hugh de Courtenay, earl of Devon presented to us Reginald Atte Welle, priest, to the chapel of the B. Virgin Mary, constructed in the cemetery of the church of Cruk; Wherefore we command you that in the full chapter of the deanery of that place in which the said chapel is, you cause diligent inquisition by rectors and vicars in competent number whether the said chapel is vacant, how and at what time it began to be vacant, who is the true patron of the same, and who last presented thereto, &c.

Everecrich, 9 June, anno, &c., xliij.

1717. Bishop Ralph to John de Cadebury, acolyte. We confer on you the chantry of the chapel of Lutescary lawfully devolved to our collation.

Jatton, vij Kal., July, A.D. 1343.

1718. Let it appear to all by these presents that we John de Carleton, John de Middelton, Stephen Tripp, and Robert the Registrar have appointed and each of us by these presents have appointed Masters Thomas de Paston and Reginald de Bugwelle, clerks, our proctors in all causes and matters touching us at the instance of Master Thomas de Haselschawe pretending that he

is rector of Chyw and canon of Wells and prebendary of Wormesterre lawfully devolved to the Apostolic See.

Banewell, 5 July, A.D. 1343.

1719. Bishop Ralph appoints Masters Thomas de Paston and Reginald de Bugwelle, clerks, his proctors in the same matter.

1720. Let it appear to all by these presents that we, Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, have given orders that Richard de Sodbury, acolyte, be inducted to the church of Odecombe, vacant by the resignation of Richard de Rodeneye by reason of exchange for the church of Baunton, diocese of Exeter, to which he was presented by Nicholas de la Beche and John Molyns, knights, proctors of the lord William de Monte Acuto, earl of Salisbury, living in remote parts.

Chiw, xij Kal., Dec., A.D. 1343.

Bishop Ralph to Richard de Sodbury, acolyte. Fol. 280.

We institute you to the church of Odecombe, vacant by the resignation of Richard de Rodeneye by reason of exchange for the church of Baunton.

Chyw, xv Kal., Dec., A.D. 1343.

1721. ij Id., July, A.D. 1343, at Banewell. The lord, by the Apostolic authority, conferred the vicarage of Carmpton on John Segar', of Faireford, priest, which pertains to the presentation of the prior and convent of Bath, by virtue of a certain grace made to the same John by the Apostolic See in the common form.

1722. Same day and place.

Letters dimissory for Thomas Queyntrel, having the first tonsure, to obtain all holy orders.

1723. To all, &c. Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, greeting.

The smallness of the vicarage of Burgh (Berrow) the charges incumbent on the vicar, and the magnitude of the care incumbent on the vicar by reason whereof it behoves the said vicar to have a chaplain in aid of the exercise of his cure having been

considered, we augmented the said vicarage under this form of words.

To all, &c. It was lately discovered in our visitation that the vicarage of the church of Burghe, annexed to the archdeaconry of Wells was so small that the vicar could not be suitably sustained, show hospitality, and support the other charges, and whereas in the process which for the reason aforesaid we thought fit to be made against Sir Roger de Mortuo Mari, archdeacon of Wells, for the purpose of augmenting the said vicarage, an ordinance of John de Drokenesford, our immediate predecessor, was exhibited before our commissaries containing the tenour below written.

To all the sons of the holy mother church, John, by divine permission, bishop of Bath and Wells, greeting, &c. [as on page 450].

Dated at London, xv Kal., March, A.D. 1328.

[Here follows Bishop Ralph's ordinance as on page 450.]

Dated at Woky, vij Id., Dec., A.D. 1338.

But as Sir John, now vicar of Burgh, retains no chaplain, pretending that he was by no means bound to have one, thereby claiming that no mention is had in our said letters of having such a chaplain with him, wishing to supply the things which were omitted in our said letters by error or negligence we will and also ordain that the said John, now vicar of Burgh, and his successors who for the time shall be, are bound for ever to provide a fit chaplain.

Banewelle, ij Id., July, A.D. 1343.

Fol. 281. 1724. Bishop Ralph to Masters John de Middelton and John de Faryngdon, rectors of Bloedon and Heighamme (High Ham) and Master William de Columbrigge, advocate of our consistory court.

We commit to you our offices to proceed in the cause of appeal from the dean and chapter of Wells, concerning the houses which Master John de Mylton, vicar of Wells, now deceased inhabited, between Sir Henry de Carleton, canon of Wells and prebendary of Combe prima, the party appealing, and Sirs Hugh de Alresford and William de Walton, the party appealed, and also to determine the said cause.

Banewelle, xvi Kal., Aug., A.D. 1343.

1725. Same day and place. The lord instituted Roger de Skeryngton, priest, to the church of Bekyngton at the presentation of the King by reason of the custody of the lands, and heir of John de Erle, deceased.

1726. xv Kal., Aug., A.D. above, at Banewelle. The lord instituted John Tybbeneye, acolyte, to the church of Estludeford at the presentation of Ralph de Middelneye.

1727. xiij Kal., Aug., A.D. above.
The lord instituted Reginald Atte Welle, priest, to the chapel of the B. Virgin Mary in the cemetery of the church of Cruk, at the presentation of the lord Hugh de Courtenay, earl of Devon.
Same day and place. The lord dispensed with the same Reginald that he can absent himself from his said chapel for a year.

1728. 6 Aug., at Banewell. The lord dispensed with Master John de Heigham, rector of Cherdelynch, subdeacon, that he might study for a year.

1729. vij Id., Aug., at Banewell. The lord admitted William de Wyke, acolyte, to the third portion of the church of Cruk, at the presentation of the lord Hugh de Courtenay, earl of Devon, and lord of Okampton.

1730. iv Id., Aug., at Banewelle.
The lord granted to the rector of Coryryuel that he can let his church to farm for a year from Michaelmas next, to Peter, perpetual vicar of Estcammel.

1731. Bishop Ralph to the King
Because from weakness of our body and other legitimate impediments we cannot give our personal presence in the council on Saturday next after the feast of the Assumption of the B. Virgin Mary next to come, we appoint Masters John de

Offord, Robert de Chikewelle and Thomas de Evesham, our proxies.

Banewell, 11 Aug., A.D. 1343.

1732. [Liter]a secreta missa [domin]o Regi.

A tresnoble et tresexcellent Prince et soen seignur lige si luy plest sire Edward par la grace Dieu Roi Dengleterre et de France et Seignur Dirlande le soen humble et devout Rauf par la soeffraunce Dieu Evesqe de Baa et de Welles obeisaunce due ove quantqil soet et poet de reverence et donur. Treshier seignur joe receu voz treshonurables lettres par les quex vous mavetz escriptes qe vous volez avoir parlaunce et tretee ovesqe ascuns grauntz et sagez de vostre roialme a Loundres le dymenge proscheyn apres lassumpcion de nostre dame procheyn avenir sur grosses et tres chargeauntes busoignez touchauntz lestat de vous et de vostre roialme. Et pur coe treshonurable seignur qe vous mavez comaundez, par mesmes voz lettres et charge qe joe ysoi au dit jour en prospre persone, Voillez savoir tresnoble seignur qe pur feblesse de mon corpe et altres destourbaunces qe me sonnt avenuz joe ne peus au dit jour est sanntz tres graunt peril de mon corps. Par qoi joe pri humblement a vostre tresbenigne hautesse qe eiauntz regard qe voz ditez lettres me furent tard deliverez de coe qe je ne puys a ceste foith pur lez causes susdites au dit jour venir me voillez avoir sil vous plest gracieusementz excuse. Trescher seignur Dieu vous vulle lunge temps garder en sauvite et bone vie al honur de luy mesmes et bon governail de soen pople.

Escriptes a Banewell le xj jour d'Auguste.

Fol. 282. 1733. Bishop Ralph to Avice de Reigners, nun of Canyngton.

Having examined the election of your person as prioress of the said monastery we confirm it by our ordinary authority.

Banewelle, ii Id., August, A.D., 1343.

The archdeacon of Taunton or his official or the commissary or either of them to instal and induct the said prioress.

Bishop Ralph to the subprioress and convent and the nuns of Canyngton.

Vobis et cuilibet vestrum committimus et mandamus quatinus

eidem sic per nos confirmate ut priorisse vestre pareatis et obediatis in omnibus sicut decet.

Datum ut supra.

Alia litera installacionis et inductionis.

Bishop Ralph to the rector of Oterhampton.

We lately directed our mandate to our archdeacon of Taunton or his official or either of them in these words.

Radulphus permissione divina Bathoniensis et Wellensis episcopus dilecto in Christo filio archidiacono nostro Tantonensi vel ejus officiali aut eorum alterius commissario, salutem, &c. Quia nos electionem factam de Avicia de Reigners moniali monasterii de Canyngton nostre diocesis in priorissam monasterii predicti auctoritate nostra ordinaria confirmavimus, sibique curam regimen et administracionem ejusdem monasterii cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis quatenus in nobis est commisimus, justitia suadente. Vobis mandamus quatinus ipsam Aviciam vel ipsius procuratricem nomine suo prout moris est installantes in corporalem possessionem dicti monasterii jurium et pertinentiorum ejusdem per vos vel alium inducatis et defendatis inductam. Et quid feceritis in premissis nos cum per partem dicte Avicie fueritis congrue requisiti distincte fideliter et aperte certificetis per literas vestras patentes harum seriem continentes.

Datum apud Banewell, ij Id., Augusti, anno Domini millesimo cccmo quadragesimo tertio et nostre consecrationis quartodecimo.

And although the messenger of the said prioress sought the said archdeacon and his official and the commissary of both of them he could not find the archdeacon, his official, or the commissary. Whereas therefore the autumn fruits of the said priory on account of the long vacancy this autumn are a great part consumed and further consumption is feared. We command you that, installing the said Avice, you induct her into corporal possession of the said monastery.

Banewelle, xix Kal., Sept., A.D. above.

1734. xviij Kal., Sept., A.D. above, at Banewelle. The lord admitted John de Alvyngton, acolyte, to the parish church of Kyngeston at the presentation of Sir Robert Fitzpayn, knight.

Alia litera inductionis de Kyngeston.

Decimo sexto kalend Septembris anno domini supradicto apud Banewell facta fide per partem dicti Johannis de Alvyngton quod archidiaconum Tantonensem officialemve ejusdem aut eorum alterius commissarium non potuit idem Johannes aliqualiter invenire in defectum eorundem dominus scripsit Decano de Cruk' et rectori ecclesie de Meriet conjunctim et divisim ad inducendum eundem Johannem vel ipsius procuratorem nomine suo in corporalem possessionem ecclesie de Kyngeston supradicte.

1735. Bishop Ralph to the dean of Mersshton and the vicars of Jeuele and Mersshton.

Public report has brought to our ears that certain sons of iniquity whose names are unknown carried away from the vivaries or ponds of Sir Simon de Furneaux, knight, at Astynton and Purie, in our diocese, fishes to a great number. We command you and each of you that you warn such bold persons and their accomplices or cause them to be warned by others in all the churches of the said deanery and others in which you shall be requested by the party of the said Sir Simon, on Sundays and feast days, that they satisfy the said Sir Simon for the aforesaid excesses. Otherwise publicly announce to them that they will be proceeded against by sentences of suspension and excommunication.

Banewelle, Id., Aug., anno, &c., xliij.

1736. Inquisicio super fama clerici in prisona domini Episcopi.

Radulphus permissione divina Bathoniensis et Wellensis Episcopus dilectis in Christo filiis de Dunsterre et Cruk' Decanatuum Decanis et perpetuo vicario ecclesie prebendalis de Wyvelescombe, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem supplicacionem Johannis Atte Pile de Bradeford clerici nobis porrectam recepimus continentem quod cum nuper idem Johannes fuisset super furto unius equi Willelmi Le Forester, precii unius marce, in Hundredo et Decanatu de Cruk' indictatus et incarceratus ac coram Justiciariis domini nostri regis Anglie illustris judicialiter impetitus et quantum in eis fuit inde de facto convictus et postmodum juxta libertatem ecclesiasticam

nostro carceri mancipatus quatinus ipsius purgacionem super crimine predicto ad quam in forma juris faciendam, pars dicti Johannis pretendit paratam, admittere curaremus. Nos igitur ne nostra violescat auctoritas in tanto negotio cum maturitate debita procedere volentes et eidem affectantes super hiis et aliis justicie fieri complementum, vobis in virtute obediencie firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus per viros fidedignos in numero competenti coram vobis juratos majorem in premissis noticiam obtinentes diligencius inquiratis veritatem an videlicet dictus Johannes super dicto crimine publice fuerit diffamatus et si diffamatus fuerit an fama hujusmodi a paucis vel a multis, ab inimicis et emulis vel personis aliis ortum obtinuit, et an zelo justicie vel ex odii fomite super dicto crimine fuerat indictatus, ac de omnibus aliis dicti negocii circumstanciis per quas ad ipsius purgacionem facilius admittendam moveri poterimus vel eciam denegandam. Quod si non omnes premissis exequendis intendere possitis duo vestrum ea nichilominus exequantur. Et quid feceritis et inveneritis in premissis nos citra festum sancti Michaelis distincte curetis reddere certiores literis vestris patentibus habentibus harum formam.

Datum apud Banewelle xiiij Kalend., Septembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo^ quadragesimo tercio et nostre consecrationis quartodecimo.

1737. iv Kal., Sept., A.D. above, at Claverton. The lord admitted John de Langele, priest, to the archpresbitery of the chantry of the parish church of Pokyngton at the presentation of Reginald de Pauely. Fol. 283.

1738. 1 Sept., A.D, above.

Dominus Radulphus Dei gratia Bathoniensis et Wellensis episcopus in camera suo apud Claverton personaliter constitutus exposuit Ricardo de Actone ibidem presenti quod custodes parcorum suorum solebant percipere pro singulis feris masculis ij solidos et pro feris femellis xij denarios et coria dimittere prepositis locorum et sub illa forma commisit dicto Ricardo officium predictum in comitatu Somerset cum hac adjectione videlicet quod dictus Ricardus, predicto domino episcopo infra dictum comitatum presente non dabit alicui aliquam feram sine

ejus expressa voluntate nec ipso absente nisi ad honorem domini episcopi predicti.

Presentibus, nobilibus viris domino Waltero de Rodeneye milite, Rogero de Brykebekę et aliis testibus, &c.

Tripp. Super quibus ad sancta Dei Evangelia prestitit juramentum idem Ricardus.

Same day and place. John Huthon, called Viniter, of Welles, before the bishop in his court of Claverton, swore that he would stand to the ordinance of his bishop concerning the injuries done by the same John to him.

Present, John Combe and John de Pulle.

1739. Bishop Ralph to the King.

We cannot give our personal presence in your Council at Westminster on Wednesday next after the feast of the Nativity of the B. Virgin Mary, not being well. We appoint Masters John de Thoresby and John de Carleton our proxies.

Claverton, 5 Sept., A.D. 1343.

1740. Denunciacio Walteri [de] Middelton de [Welles].

Radulphus permissione divina Bathoniensis et Wellensis Episcopus dilectis in Christo filiis Decano et Subdecano ecclesie nostre Wellensis ac universis et singulis dignitates, parsonatus administraciones, seu officia quecumque habentibus in ecclesia nostra predicta salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Cum nos de correctione anime Walteri dicti de Middeltone de Welles procedentes, super eo quod ecclesiam nostram predictam suo jure maliciose privare presumpsit, ac per maliciam et contra justiciam ejus libertates infringere et perturbare contendit coram nobis judicialiter convictum majoris excommunicationis sentenciam in hujusmodi presumptores a sanctis patribus latam incidisse pronunciaverimus justicia exigente. Vobis et cuilibet vestrum firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus eundem Walterum assumptis duodecim presbiteris, albis et stolis indutis in ecclesia nostra predicta Wellen' et sex presbiteris in ecclesia sancti Cuthberti Wellarum dictam excommunicationis sententiam incidisse et ea ligatum esse, pulsatis campanis candelis accensis, in ejus vituperium et dampnacionis signum in terram projectis et extinctis cruce in manibus erecta, singulis

diebus dominicis et festivis intra missarum solempnia cum major cleri et populi aderit multitudo, publice et solempniter, denuncietis et faciatis per alios nunciari, ab hujusmodi nunciacione non cessantes donec absolucionis beneficium in forma juris meruerit obtinere et hoc nostris literis patentibus vobis constiterit evidenter. De die vero recepcionis presencium et quid feceritis in premissis nos citra festum sancti Andree Apostoli distincte curetis reddere cerciores literis vestris patentibus habentibus hunc tenorem.

Datum apud Clavertone octavo Id., Septembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo^ xliij^o^, et nostre consecrationis decimo quinto.

1741. Bishop Ralph to all.

We make known to all of you by these presents that on the 4th day of Sept., A.D. 1343, in our manor of Claverton, brother William de Bocstede, a monk of the priory of Farleigh, diocese of Salisbury, proctor of the prior and convent of the same priory holding a portion of the tithes of the sheaves of the lordship of Tymbresbergh, the tenour of which procuratorial letter is contained below, and Richard, rector of the parish church of Tymbresbergh, personally constituted in our presence, by grave complaint showed that lawsuits and conflicts frequently arose by reason of the said portion.

We ordain that the rector of Tymbresbergh and his successors shall take the said portion and pay 18*s.* every year for it to the said prior and convent.

(Here follows the letter procuratorial, dated at Farleigh, 4 Sept., A.D. 1343).

Claverton, 5 Sept., A.D. above.

1742. 5 Sept., A.D. above, at Claverton. The lord dispensed with William, rector of Astyngton that he can stay in the schools at Oxford for a year. Fol. 284.

1743. xij Kal., Oct., A.D. above, at Dogmeresfeld. The lord instituted Master Hugh de Monyton, acolyte, to the church of Dicheszate at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glaston.

Same day and place. The lord instituted William de Helmendene, priest, to the cured chapel of Sanebergh at the presentation of John Goulde.

1744. xi Kal., Oct., A.D. above, at Dogmeresfeld. The lord instituted Henry Le Heir, of Irchyngburgh, chaplain, to the cured chapel of Boyford at the presentation of William de Monte Acuto, earl of Salisbury.

1745. iij. Kal., Oct., A.D. above, at Euerecrich. The lord conferred the vicarage of Tykenham, pertaining to the presentation of the abbot and convent of St. Augustine near Bristol, on John Wallop, priest, of the diocese of Exeter, by the Apostolic authority.

1746. Bishop Ralph to Simon de Bristol, chancellor of Wells, and canon in the same.

We grant to you the houses which Master Lawrence de la Barre lately inhabited in Wells, as long as you shall be chancellor or canon and prebendary, with the curtilage adjacent.

Pulton, iii Kal., Oct., A.D. 1343.

1747. 2 Oct., in the year above, at Bekyngton. The lord instituted Elias Just, priest, to the cured chapel of Pykewelle at the presentation of Richard Le Flory.

1748. ii Id., Oct., A.D. above, at Westcammel. Letters dimissory for John Stote, having the first tonsure, to all minor and holy orders.

1749. Id., Oct., A.D. above. Letters dimissory for William Cabbel, acolyte, to all holy orders.

1750. Same day, at Woky. The lord dispensed with Hugh de Menyton, rector of Pichesgate, acolyte, that he can stay in the schools at Oxford for a year. He shall have himself ordained deacon within a year, and shall make good his absence in bestowing of alms to be taxed at the decision of the said lord.

Same day and place. Letters dimissory for the same rector to all holy orders.

1751. Bishop Ralph to John Queynte, priest.

Ut in oratorio seu capella infra curiam Johannis de Wyke infra parochiam de Jatton nostre diocesis inter Theobaldum Gorges et Agnetem filiam dicti Johannis de Wyke bannis editis, prout moris est, primitus inter eos licite valeas solempnizare matrimonium citra Natale Domini dum tamen aliud canonicum non obsistat, tibi licenciam concedimus.

Woky, Id., Oct., A.D. 1343.

1752. Id., Oct., A.D. above, at Woky. Licence for Margaret Beauchamp to have divine services celebrated in all her oratories within the diocese for a year by a fit chaplain, before herself and her free family.

1753. Carta pro Petro Le Monyer.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod nos Radulphus, permissione divina Bathonensis et Wellensis Episcopus, dedimus et hac presenti carta nostra confirmavimus Petro Le Monyer, burgensi nostro de Welles, unam placeam terre in Wellis jacentem in quodam vico vocato Chamberleynestrete inter tenementum ejusdem Petri ex parte occidentali et vacuam placeam Magistri Thome de Haselsshawe ex parte orientali continentem in longitudine viginti et sex pedes et in latitudine novem pedes. Habendam et tenendam dictam placeam terre cum suis pertinentiis dicto Petro et heredibus de corpore suo legitime procreatis de nobis et successoribus nostris imperpetuum. Reddendo inde nobis annuatim unum denarium ad festum sancti Michaelis pro omnibus serviciis et secularibus demandis, &c., Hiis testibus, Thoma Le Saltere, Johanne Markaunt, Johanne Kyng, Willelmo Cheleworth, Johanne Bradewelle, et aliis.

Datam apud Woky, xij die Octobris, anno regni regis Edwardi post conquestum, xvij°.

1754. Bull of Pope Clement vii.

Dudum siquidem felicis recordacionis Benedictus papa xij., predecessor noster, pro statu et reformacione religionis nigrorum monachorum nonnulla statuta edidit et mandavit et voluit in eadem religione perpetuis futuris temporibus observari in

transgressores eorum diversas sententiasque penas spirituales et temporales nichilominos promulgando; Verum sicut habet multorum prelatorum et aliorum professorum fidedignorum et proborum virorum religionis ejusdem zelancium statum ejus prosperum et tranquillum exposicio facta nobis et experiencia facti docet quod hujusmodi pene et sententie fore periculose dinoscuntur, et frequenter preparant laqueum animabus. Cum multi prelati et eorum subditi religionis ejusdem asserantur excommunicacionum suspensionum et interdictorum sententias necnon inhabilitatum et irregularitatum maculas aliasque penas per transgressiones statutorum et ordinacionum hujusmodi incurrisse; Predicti etiam nonnulli abbates et quamplures alii
Fol. 285. ejusdem religionis professi in nostri presencia personaliter constituti propterea nobis humiliter supplicarunt ut suo et aliarum personarum religionis ejusdem statui et animarum saluti in hac parte de oportuno providere remedio dignaremur. Nos igitur personarum dicte religionis cujus etiam nos alumpne et professores existimus animarum saluti affectu paterno consulere et earum obviare periculis in futuro salubriter intendentes, considerantesque quod nedum ex aggregacione penarum quinimmo in mansuetudine et dulcedine lenitatis subditi in viam rectitudinis et justicie diriguntur, omnes et singulas penas et sententias spirituales et temporales, in ordinacionibus et statutis predictis contentis apostolica auctoritate presencium tenore suspendimus omnesque temporales penas quas prelati et persone predicti per ordinaciones et statuta hujusmodi vel occasione quomodolibet incurrerunt auctoritate predicta remittimus de gratia speciali, ac predictos abbates, prelatos, et personas alias religionis ejusdem coram nobis ut premittitur personaliter constitutos ac petentes a nobis ab eisdem sententiis si quas occasione transgressionis statutorum et ordinacionum hujusmodi quomodolibet incurrerunt humiliter se absolvi a sententiis absolvimus memoratis. . . Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostre suspensionis, remissionis, absolucionis, dispensacionis et concessionis infringere vel ei ausu temerario contraire. Si quis autem contra hec attemptare presumpserit indignacionem omnipotentis Dei et beatorum Petri et Pauli Apostolorum ejus se noverit incursurum.

Datum Avinion' Kalend., Junii, pontificatus nostri anno primo.

1755. Bishop Ralph to the archdeacon of Bath.

Our lord the King presented to us Ralph de Brantyngham, clerk, for the church of Brumpton, belonging to his donation by reason of the lands and tenements of John, son of John de Glamorgan, *occasione idiotie sue* being in the hand of the same King. But we hindered by various and arduous matters, not being able to attend to the arranging of the said matter of presentation commit our offices to you to inquire concerning the vacancy of the said church and to admit the said presentee, to institute him as rector, and to induct or order him to be inducted.

Bloedon, ix Kal., Nov., A.D. 1343.

1756. 26 Oct., at Woky. Licence for John de Barton to have [divine services] celebrated by a fit chaplain in his oratory within the parish of Wynescombe for a year.

1757. v Kal., Nov., at Woky. The lord dispensed with Walter de Buggewelle, subdeacon, rector of Babyngton, that he can study for two years.

Same day and place. The lord instituted Elias de Grymmesby, priest, to the church of Bekyngton, at the presentation of the King by reason of the lands and heir of John de Erlee, deceased, being in his custody.

1758. Mandatum Exoniensis Episcopi mutue vicissitudinis obtentu.

Venerabili in Christo patri ac domino Radulpho Dei gratia Bathoniensi et Wellensi Episcopo, Johannes ejusdem miseracione Exoniensis Episcopus salutem, &c. Vestra noverit paternitas reverenda quod cum in festo sancti Luce Evangeliste proximo preterito in ecclesia nostra parochiali de Tottonia nostre diocesis ob reverenciam tanti festi simulque ob consecracionis nostre annuum revolucionis diem in pontificalibus prout decuit missam celebrantes, Verbum Dei post Evangelium astanti proponerimus clero et populo, quidam perdicionis filii, videlicet, Willelmus qui se denominat de Clavyle, alias tamen Wyteprest vel Hamond dictus, necnon Johannes Atte Watere de Combe Martyn nepos Magistri Johannis Peris et Johannes de Badevyle,

consanguinei ejusdem, cum multis aliis suis complicibus, sagittariis et diversis armorum generibus armatis missi ex parte predicti Magistri Johannis Perys se asserentis Archidiaconum Tottonensem in ecclesia nostra Exon' subito cum magno strepitu et tumultu ecclesiam predictam ingressi nec loco aut festo, persone vel ministerio reverenciam deferendo, officium divinum et nostram ac populi devotionem horribiliter more infidelium impedierunt. Quos cum primo, secundo et tertio ac peremptorie legitimeque monuissemus ut in specie ab hujusmodi nefariis impedimentis et tumultu desisterent et cessarent, quia id facere
Fol. 286. et monicionibus nostris canonicis parere rebelliter contempserunt, in eos nominatim propter offensam et rebellionem hujusmodi in scriptis et alias legitime majoris excommunicationis sententiam fulminavimus prout juste tanti sceleris enormitas requirebat. Predictum preterea Willelmum de Clavyle, prius per nos autoritate nostra ordinaria ex certis causis legitimis majoris excommunicationis sententia innodatum et etiam auctoritate apostolica excommunicatum pronunciatum et declaratum, per nos ex hoc de dicta ecclesia recedere monitum primo, secundo et tercio ac peremptorie atque jussum, et id facere contumaciter non curantem, in sententiam excommunicationis majoris, in tales a jure latam, postea declaraverimus incidisse. Quocirca paternitatem vestram reverendam, ne predicti filii diaboli gregem Domini vobis commissum inficiant sub mutue vicissitudinis obtentu et in juris subsidium requirimus et rogamus, quatinus ob pontificalis reverenciam lese dignitatis et tam nephandi detestacionem criminis, eosdem Willelmum, Johannem et Johannem in ecclesia vestra cathedrali et per vestram diocesim sic fuisse et esse excommunicatos, denunciari publice faciatis. Et quid in premissis facere decreveritis, vel feceritis, citra festum sancti Nicholai nos si placet certificare dignetur vestra paternitas reverenda.

Datum apud Cliste xxiiij die Octobris anno Domini millesimo, ccc° xliij, et consecrationis nostre xvij.

1750 Kal., Nov., year above, at Poyntyngton. Licence for brother Thomas Stanschawe, of the order of Minors to hear confessions for a year.

1760. 6 Nov., year above, at Corymalet. The lord commanded that Henry de Queynton, rector of Bouelegh, diocese of Exeter, be inducted into the church of Stanleigh by the archdeacon of Taunton or his official or the commissary of either of them. To which church he was admitted by authority of the lord by the bishop of Exeter and instituted therein at the presentation of Sir John Reigni, knight, by reason of exchange with John Crispyn, late rector of the same church, for the said church of Boueleigh.

1761. 8 Nov., at Northpederton. The lord admitted William Golde, priest, to the perpetual chantry of Stokelyncheotrizer at the presentation of Robert Hereward, archdeacon of Taunton.

Archdeacon of Taunton to induct.

1762. viij Kal., Dec., at Wyvelescombe.

The lord instituted John Queynte, priest, to the parish church of Weston in Gordene at the presentation of John de Wyke.

Same day and place. Licence for the vicar of Cammel to celebrate, by himself or another, in the oratory within the dwelling house of his vicarage for a year.

Same day and place. Licence for John Knygth, of Cary, to have divine services celebrated in his oratory within the parish of Cary before himself, his wife, and his free family for a year. And that he can confess to the vicar of Cary.

1763. vij Kal., Dec., at Wyvelescombe.

Licence for Sir John Inge, knight, to have divine services celebrated in his oratory of Dunheued before himself, his wife, and his free family for a year.

1764. Bishop Ralph to brother Robert de Cadecote.

Whereas the power to provide the priory of Bercle in Spraulemede with a prior has devolved on us, we appoint you prior of the said priory.

Wyvelescombe, vij Kal., Dec., A.D. 1343.

Bishop Ralph to the keeper of the jurisdiction of Glaston.

We have appointed brother Robert de Cadecote, canon of the priory of Bercle in Spraulemede, as prior of the same, and committed the rule of the said priory to him. We command you that, installing the said brother Robert, as the custom is, into corporal possession of the said priory, you induct him and defend the inducted.

Wyvel[escombe], as above.

Eisdem die, loco et forma dominus scripsit omnibus et singulis Canonicis Prioratus predicti quod essent obedientes eidem Priori in omnibus sicut decet.

1765. iv Kal., Dec., at Wyvelescombe.

The lord admitted Richard de Bradeford, priest, to the church of Soutton Montagu at the presentation of Nicholas de Monte Acuto.

1766. John, archbishop of Canterbury, to Bishop Ralph.

Brother Andrimius, prior of Coulogne, the messenger of the reverend fathers, the lords P. bishop of Palestrina, and A. bishop of Tusculum, cardinals of the Roman church, nuncios of the Apostolic See sent to the kingdoms of France and England, destined to England for matters committed to the said cardinals showed us in his letters that they assigned 500 florins of Florence for his expenses for the 250 days during which he stayed in our diocese, to be paid in London before the feast of the Purification, and we, in the council in the church of St. Paul, London, which we celebrated with you and with our other suffragans, paid to brother Geoffrey de Cratunford, of the order of hermits of St. Augustine, professor of sacred writ, likewise a messenger of the said cardinals, destined by them as well for our diocese of Canterbury as for your diocese of Bath and Wells and others of our province, 10*li.* from our own treasury for his expenses at the urgent command of the said cardinals directed to us, which and also the letters and process of brother Andrimius sent to us, we at present retain on account of the perils of the ways, &c. In the said council it was agreed that farthings be levied from every *li.*, of all and singular the ecclesiastical benefices and goods whatsoever of all the dioceses of our province of Canterbury, as they are taxed at

a tenth, and if anything shall be over above the sum paid to the nuncios it should be kept in our hands for the relief of a future charge. We command your brotherhood that you faithfully cause the said farthings to be collected from the pounds of all as well exempt, as not exempt, before the feast of St. Hilary next.

Gymyngham, xiii Kal., Nov., A.D. 1343.

1767. Bishop Ralph to the prior of Taunton, ordering him to execute the above command. Fol. 287d.

Wyvelescombe, 8 Dec., A.D. above.

1768. Eisdem die et loco dominus concessit Rectori ecclesie de Bere licenciam celebrandi et celebrari facere supra summum altare ecclesie sue minime dedicatum usque ad festum Pentecosten.

1769. 10 Dec., year as above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord admitted Ralph de Whitefeld, having the first tonsore, to the church of Stanleigh at the presentation of John de Reigny, knight.

Same day and place.

Licence for him to study till Michaelmas. He shall have himself ordained subdeacon within a year from the time of taking the office.

1770. Same day and place.

Licence for John de Molton, knight, to have divine services celebrated by a fit chaplain, at his own costs, before himself, his wife, and his free family for a year in his chapel within the parish of Welyngton.

1771. xviii Kal., Jan., at Wyvelescombe.

The lord dispensed with William Peter, illegitimate, that he can be promoted to all orders and hold an ecclesiastical benefice.

1772. xvi Kal., Jan., at Wyvelescombe.

The lord dispensed in like manner with Johy Cosyn, of Lopene, *de presbitero genito.*

1773. xiv. Kal., Jan., year above. at Wyvelescombe. The lord dispensed with Matthew de Lidiard in like manner.

1774. xij. Kal., Jan., at Wyvelescombe
Licence for brother Richard Lovecok, of the order of Minors, to hear confessions for a year.

1775. xi. Kal., Jan. at Wyvelescombe.
Letters dimissory for Thomas Herynge, rector of Templecombe, acolyte, to the order of subdeacon.

1776. viij Kal., Jan., at Wyvelescombe. Licence for Amice Atte Heigh to have divine services celebrated in her oratory of La Heigh, in the parish of Wynsham, for a year.

1777. Bishop Ralph appoints Master Stephen de Northeye, general proctor in the court of Canterbury, Adam de Aischele and Roger de Boreford, clerks, and Walter, called Le Coke, layman, his proctors to appeal for him, &c.
Wyvelescombe, on the day of St. Thomas the Apostle, A.D. 1343.

Fol. 288. 1778. viij Kal., Jan., in the year as above, at Wyvelescombe.
Licence for Amice Atte Heigh to have divine services celebrated in her oratory of La Heigh, in the parish of Wynsham, for a year.

1779. vi Kal., Jan., year above, at Wyvelescombe.
Dominus concessit parochianis de Cerde licenciam faciendi celebrare divina bis singulis septimanis per annum in capella sancte Crucis de Cerde.

1780. Innocentius Episcopus servus servorum Dei dilectis filiis Priori monasterii loci Dei de Henton, Bathoniensis diocesis, ejusque fratribus tam presentibus quam futuris regularem vitam professis imperpetuum. Religiosam vitam eligentibus apostolicum convenit adesse presidium, ne forte cujuslibet temeritatis

incursus aut eos a proposito revocet, aut robur, quod absit, sacre religionis infringat. Eapropter dilecti in Domino filii vestris justis postulacionibus clementer annuimus et monasterium vestrum de Henton quod post generale consilium Cartusiensis suscepit ordinis instituta cum omnibus bonis, pascuis et possessionibus que in presenciarum racionabiliter possidet aut in futurum justis modis prestante Domino poterit adhipisci sub beati Petri et nostra protectione suscipimus et presentis scriptis privilegio communimus et terminos domini vestre ab ordine Cartusiensi provida deliberacione statutos auctoritate apostolica confirmamus. Ad hec auctoritate apostolica interdicimus et sub interminacione anathematis prohibemus, ne quis infra terminos ipsos hominem capere, furtum seu rapinam committere, aut ignem apponere, vel homicidium facere audeat, aut homines ad domum vestram venientes, vel ab ea redeuntes quomodolibet perturbare ut ob reverenciam Dei et loci vestri infra predictos terminos non solum vos et fratres vestri sed etiam alii plenam pacem habeant et quietem. Liceat ergo vobis clericos vel laicos, liberos et absolutos e seculo fugientes ad conversionem vestram recipere et eos absque ullius contradictione in vestro collegio retinere. Prohibemus insuper ut nulli fratrum vestrorum post factam in eodem loco professionem, absque licencia Prioris sui fas sit de claustro vestro discedere, discedentem vero absque communium literarum vestrarum caucione nullus audeat retinere. Sanctimonalium que propriis manibus aut sumptibus colitis, de quibus, aliquis hactenus non percepit sive de ortis, et virgultis et piscacionibus vestris. At de nutrimentis animalium vestrorum nullus a vobis decimas exigere vel extorquere presumat. Adicientes quoque statuimus ut infra dimidiam leucam a terminis possessionum vestrarum nulli religioso liceat quodlibet edificium construere vel possessiones acquirere, sicut ordini vestro dicitur ab apostolica sede concessum. Consecraciones vero altarium seu basilicarum ordinaciones clericorum vestrorum qui ad sacros ordines fuerint promovendi a diocesano suscipiatis Episcopo siquidem Catholicus fuerit et communionem et gratiam apostolice sedis habuerit et ea vobis gratis et absque pravitate aliqua voluerit exhibere. Alioquin liceat vobis quemcumque valueritis catholicum adire antistitem communionem et gratiam apostolice sedis habentem, qui nimirum nostra fultus auctoritate

vobis quod postulatur impendat. Insuper auctoritate apostolica inhibemus ne ullus Episcopus vel alia quelibet persona ad sinodos vel conventus forenses vos ire vel judicio seculari de propria substancia vel possessionibus vestris subjacere compellat nec ad domum vestram non vocatus causa ordines celebrandi, causas tractandi, vel Conventus aliquos publicos convocandi, venire presumat, nec regularem electionem Prioris vestri impediat, aut de instituendo vel removendo eo qui pro tempore fuerit contra statuta Cartusiensis ordinis se aliquatenus intermittat. Porro si Episcopus vel alii ecclesiarum rectores in monasterio vestro vel personas inibi constitutas, suspensionis, excommunicationis vel interdicti sententiam promulgaverit sive etiam in mercenarios vestros pro eo quod sicut dictum est decimas non solvitis, vel aliqua occasione eorum que ab apostolica benignitate nobis indulta sunt seu benefactores nostros pro eo quod aliqua vobis beneficia vel obsequia ex caritate prestiterint, vel ad laborandum adjuverint in illis diebus in quibus vos laboratis et alii feriantur eandem sententiam protulerint ipsam tanquam contra sedis apostolice indulta prolatam decrevimus irritandam, nec litere ille firmitatem habeant quas tacito nomine Cartusiensis ordinis et contra tenorem apostolicorum privilegiorum constiterit impetrari. Statuimus etiam ut propter communia interdicta terrarum monasterium vestrum, excommunicatis et interdictis exclusis, adminus non cogatur officiis abstinere. Obeunte vero ejusdem loci Priori nullus ibidem qualibet subrepcionis astucia seu violencia preponatur, nisi quem fratres communi assensu vel fratrum major pars consilii sanioris secundum Domini et approbata vestri ordinis instituta providerint eligendum. Decrevimus ergo ut nulli omnino hominum liceat prefatum monasterium temere, perturbare, aut ejus possessionis auferre et ablatas retinere, minuere, seu quibuslibet exactionibus fatigare, set omnia integra conserventur eorum pro quorum gubernacione ac sustentacione concessa sunt usibus omnibus profutura, salva sedis apostolice auctoritate. Si qua igitur in futurum ecclesiastica secularisve persona hanc nostre constitucionis paginam sciens contra eam temere venire temptaverit secundo, tertio ve commonita nisi reatum suum congrua satisfactione correxerit potestatis, honorisque sui careat dignitate reamque se divino judicio existere de perpetrata iniquitate cognoscat, et a sacra-

tissimo Corpore ac Sanguine Dei et Domini Redemptoris nostri Ieshu Christi aliena fiat atque in extremo examine districte subjaceat ulcioni, Cunctis autem eidem loco sua jura servantibus sit pax Domini nostri Ieshu Christi quatinus et hic fructum bone actionis percipiant et apud districtum Judicem premia aeterne pacis inveniant. Amen.

Datum, &c. Innocencii pape iv.

Datum Lugduno per manum Magistri Martini sancte Romane ecclesie Vicecancellarii, xiij Kal., Julii Incarnacionis Domini millesimo ccc^mo^ quadragesimo quinto Indictione tercio pontificatus vero domini Innocencis pape quarti anno secundo.

1781. Pope Innocent (iv) to the archbishop of Canterbury and his suffragans against those who shall attack the possessions of religious men, and especially those of the priors and brethren of the houses of the Carthusian order.

"Si laici fuerint, publice candelis accensis singuli vestrum in diocesibus et ecclesiis vestris excommunicationis sententia percellatis. Si vero clerici vel canonici regulares seu monachi fuerint, eos appellatione remota ab officio et beneficio suspendatis."

Datum, &c. Innocencii pape iv.

1782. Pope Clement [iv] to the priors and brethren of the Carthusian order. Fol. 289.

Vestris itaque supplicacionibus inclinati presencium vobis auctoritate concedimus, ut ad exhibendas procurationes legatis apostolice sedis vel ejus Nunciis seu ad prestanda quevis subsidia seu exactiones quocumque nomine censeantur quibuscumque personis minime teneamini nec ad id compelli aliquatenus valeatis per literas apostolicas vel legatorum eorundem etiam si se specialiter extenderent ad exemptos, nisi predicte litere apostolice de hac concessione et ordine vestro plenam et expressam et de verbo ad verbum fecerint mencionem.

Viterbo, Non., June, in the second year of our pontificate. Pope Clement the fourth.

1783. Pope Clement iv to the same.

Auctoritate vobis presencium indulgemus ut vos vel aliqui

vestrum extra vestras civitates vel diocesim trahi non possitis in causam per literas apostolice sedis vel legatorum ipsius, nisi litere sedis ejusdem de indulgencia hujusmodi plenam et expressam ac de verbo ad verbum facerint mencionem.

Perugia, iv Nones, May, in the first year of our pontificate.

1784. Pope Clement iv to the same.

Auctoritate vobis presencium indulgemus, ut nullus in vos communiter vel divisim contra privilegiorum vobis vel ordini vestro a sede apostolica concessorum tenorem excommunicationis sententiam valeat promulgare.

Viterbo, v Non., July, in the second year of our pontificate.

1785. Henry, by the grace of God, king of England, lord of Ireland, duke of Normandy and Aquitaine and count of Anjou, to the archbishops, &c., greeting. We have inspected the charter of Ela, countess of Salisbury, made to the Carthusian order in these words:—

"Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit, Ela Comitissa Saresburie eternam in Domino. salutem. Noverit universitas vestra quod dominus meus et quondam maritus Willelmus Longespee, Comes Saresburie, volens construere domum ordinis Cartusiensis, per assensum meum, et bonam voluntatem donavit ordini Cartusiensi manerium de Actherop cum pertinentiis et boscum suum de Bradene cum integritate sua et terram de Cheleworthe quam habuit ex dono Henrici Basset ut ibi manerent tam monachi quam fratres ad serviendum Deo imperpetuum secundum consuetudinem et ordinem cartusienses. Sed quia monachi et fratres ad locum ipsum destinati licet stettissent ibi per plures annos non potuerunt invenire in predictis locum ordini suo competentem, ego, volens intuitu Dei perficere quod predictus maritus meus bene inceperat in ligia potestate et viduitate mea post mortem ipsius et pro anima ipsius et pro anima Comitis Willelmi patris mei et pro salute mea et puerorum meorum et pro animabus omnium antecessorum et heredum meorum donavi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi ordini Cartusiensi in escambium predictorum tenementorum totum manerium meum de Henton cum advocatione ecclesie et parco et omnibus aliis

pertinentiis suis sine ullo retinemento inde mihi et heredibus meis, et similiter totum manerium meum de Norton cum advocatione ecclesie et omnibus aliis pertinenciis suis sine ullo retinemento inde mihi et heredibus meis. Salvis tamen mihi et heredibus meis serviciis militaribus omnium illorum qui de me tenent in predictis maneriis per servicium militare. Excepto servicio Ricardi Parcarii et heredum suorum de una virgata terre quam tenet in Henton. Quod servicium pertinebit imperpetuum ad predictos monachos et fratres sive predictus Ricardus defendat predictam virgatam terre per custodiam parci vel per servicium militare. Et etiam salvis michi et heredibus meis katiis forincecis que sunt extra terminos predictorum maneriorum, ad fundandam construendam et imperpetuum sustentendam quandam domum predicti ordinis Cartusiensis in honore Dei et beati Marie et sancti Johannis Baptiste et omnium sanctorum in parco de Henton in loco qui vocatur locus Dei. Habenda et tenenda in puram et perpetuam elemosinam monachis et fratribus ibidem Deo servientibus secundum consuetudinem et ordinem matricis ecclesie Cartusiensis. Et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus predictis monachis et fratribus predicta tenementa cum pertinentiis contra omnes gentes et defendemus eos de omnibus serviciis et consuetudinibus et secularibus demandis. Et ut hec donatio, concessio et confirmatio mea rata et stabilis imperpetuum permaneat, eam presentis scripti testimonio et sigilli mei impressione corroboravi."

Hiis testibus domino Jocelino Bathoniensi episcopo, domino R. Sarum episcopo, magistro Edmundo de Abendon et multis aliis.

We there confirm this deed, &c.

Hiis testibus H. de Burgo Comite Kancie, Justiciario Anglie, Osberto Giffard, Radulpho de Tublevill et aliis.

Datum per manum venerabilis patris Radulphi Cicestrensis episcopi Cancellarii nostri.

1786. Confirmatio Jocelini Bathoniensis Episcopi Hentone et Nortonie.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit. Jocelinus Dei gratia Bathoniensis Episcopus salutem in

Domino. Inspeximus cartam nobilis mulieris Ele, Comitisse Sarum, &c., ut supra, &c. Et ipsam episcopali auctoritate confirmamus.

Datum Londonio per manum Johannis de Templo in crastino beati Leonardi, pontificatus nostri anno vicesimo quarto.

1787. Confirmation of the same by Pope Innocent.

Dated at Lyons, Nones, Oct., in the third year of our pontificate.

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Fol. 290. 1788. Confirmation and protection by Pope Gregory ix.

Gregorius episcopus servus servorum Dei dilectis filiis priori et fratribus loci Dei, &c. Ea propter dilecti in Domino filii vestris justis postulacionibus grato concurrentes assensu personas vestras et locum in quo divino estis obsequio mancipati cum omnibus bonis que inpresenciarum rationabiliter possidet aut in futurum justis modis, prestante Domino, poterit adipisci, sub beati Petri et nostra protectione suscipimus: specialiter autem de Henton et de Norton maneria cum pertinentiis suis que nobilis mulier Ela, Comitissa Sarum, monasterii vestri fundatrix vobis et Cartusiensi ordini contulit, &c.

Rieti, x Kal., Feb., in the fifth year of our pontificate.

1789. Bulla conservationis Johannis Pape xxii.

Johannes episcopus, servus servorum Dei. venerabilibus fratribus Archiepiscopo Cantuariensi et Lincolniensi et Bathoniensi episcopis, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem, &c. Sane dilectorum filiorum prioris et conventus majoris domus Cartusiensis Gratianopolitane diocesis aliorumque priorum et fratrum et conversorum Cartusiensis ordinis in diversis mundi partibus consistencium conquestione percepimus, quod nonnulli venerabiles fratres nostri patriarche, archiepiscopi, episcopi, ceterique ecclesiarum prelati, ac clerici et ecclesiastice persone tam religiose quam seculares, necnon, duces, marchiones, comites et barones, nobiles, milites, communia civitatum, universitates et alie singulares persone occuparunt seu occupare fecerunt, ecclesias, villas, oppida, colonos et servos, animalia, decimas, nemora, prata, pascua, piscarias, venaciones, ortos, pomeria, molendina, terras, domos, vineas, possessiones, jura, redditus, et

proventus ipsorum et alia bona mobilia et inmobilia, ad priores, fratres et ordinem predictos spectancia, et ea detinent indebite occupata. Nonnulli etiam civitatum et parcium predictarum qui nomen Domini recipere in vacuum non formidant, prioribus et fratribus supradictis, super ecclesiis, villis, oppidis, &c., ad priores et fratres predictos spectantibus, multiplices molestias et injurias inferunt, ac jacturas. Quare dicti priores et fratres nobis humiliter supplicarunt ut cum eisdem valde reddatur difficile prosingulis querelis ad apostoli cam sedem habere recursum providere super hoc paterna diligencia curaremus. Nos igitur adversus occupatores, presumptores, molestatores et injuriatores hujusmodi illo volentes eis remedio subvenire. per quod illorum compescatur temeritas et alius aditus committendi similia precludatur, fraternitati vestre per apostolica scripta mandamus, quatinus vos vel duo aut unius vestrum, per vos vel per alium seu alios etiam si sint extra loca in quibus deputati estis, conservatores et judices, prefatis prioribus et fratribus efficacis defensionis presidio assistentes, non permittatis eosdem super hiis et quibuslibet aliis bonis et juribus ad dictos priores et fratres spectantibus eisdem vel quibuscumque aliis indebite molestari, vel eis gravamina, seu dampna vel injurias irrogari. Facturi dictis prioribus et fratribus, cum ab eis seu vicariis, aut procuratoribus suis, vel eorum aliquo fueritis requisiti de predictis et aliis personis quibuslibet super restitucione ecclesiarum, villarum, &c.

Avinion, iv Non., July, in the second year of our pontificate.

Nos vero Radulphus, Bathoniensis et Wellensis episcopus quod vidimus hoc pro vero attestamur. Et nos, &c., factis collacionibus cum bullis, cartis et literis originalibus predictis per Willelmum Cammel, scribam nostrum publicum auctoritate apostolica Notarium sigillum nostrum apposuimus in testimonium presencium copiarum.

Wyvelescombe, 2 Jan., A.D. 1343, and the fifteenth of our consecration.

1790. Pope Alexander to Bishop Ralph. Fol. 291.

Bulle pro cantaria de Wyke.

Ex parte dilecti filii nobilis viri Thome de Perham tue diocesis fuit nobis humiliter supplicatum ut cum adeo sit ab

ecclesia matrice remotus quod propter inundaciones aquarum presertim hiemali tempore non possit ad eam comode accedere pro audiendis divinis officiis et percipiendis ecclesiasticis sacramentis construendi capellam in fundo proprio licenciam sibi concedere curaremus. Volentes igitur in hoc tibi deferre qui loci diocesanus existis, fraternitati tue per apostolica scripta mandamus quatinus si expedire videris eidem licenciam tribuas postulatam sine juris prejudicio alicui.

Naples, ij Kal., Jan., in the first year of our pontificate.

1791. Ordinance concerning the said chantry.

William [Button I.], bishop of Bath and Wells, to all, &c., greeting. We have received the mandate as above. We therefore, having inspected the charter of the said Thomas by which he assigned certain lands and possessions for the perpetual sustentation of his chapel and a chaplain serving the same, and also of the ornaments thereof for ever, ordain that the said Thomas shall have a chapel in his court of Wyke, and that he shall have a perpetual chantry in it to be served by a proper chaplain, who shall take the possessions assigned when he shall be presented to us or our successors by the said Thomas or his assigns, and admitted. As often as such chaplain shall die or be removed, if the said Thomas or his assigns shall neglect to present for 40 days, we and our successors shall appoint another that turn. The chaplain shall admit none of the parishioners of the said church or chapels thereof to the prejudice of the same or confer any sacred or sacramental things on them without licence, &c.

Everkriz, xiv Kal., Oct., in the year of grace 1250.

1792. iv Kal., Jan., A.D. 1343, at Wyvelescombe. The lord admitted Master Robert de Grymmeston, priest, to the parish church of Maperton, at the presentation of Thomas de Courtenay, knight.

1793. 7 Jan., year as above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord granted licence to Robert Seyntcler to have divine service celebrated in the oratory within his mansion in the parish of Bodecleye for one year by a fit chaplain.

1794. iv Id., Jan., A.D. as above at Wyvelescombe. The lord conferred the church of St. Mary the Greater on John Carelil, priest; vacant by the resignation of Stephen de Pendoke, the last rector, by reason of exchange for the vicarage of Clofford.

Same day and place. The lord admitted Stephen de Pendoke, priest, to the vicarage of Clofford, vacant by the resignation of John de Carelil.

1795. ii Id., Jan., A.D. above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted Nicholas Husel, of Lillyngston, to the church of Kyngesdon, [vacant] by reason of exchange, at the presentation of Brian Gonyset. Fol. 292.

Same day and place. The lord instituted Peter Pyke, rector of Kyngesdon to the church of Langeton Blaneford, diocese of Salisbury, at the presentation of the lady, Elizabeth La Guldene, by reason of the exchange aforesaid.

1796. xiij Kal., Feb., at Wyvelescombe. The lord granted licence to Master de William de Lutleton, precentor in the church of Wells, to celebrate and have divine services celebrated in his oratory of Lutleton before himself and his free family.

1797. ix Kal., Feb., at Wyvelescombe. The lord granted licence to John Poulet to have divine services celebrated in his oratory in the parish of Poulet, before himself, his wife, and his free family for a year.

1798. viij Kal., Feb., A.D. above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord granted licence to Robert Martyn to have divine services celebrated in his oratory of Pipelpenne, before himself, his wife and his free family, to last for a year.

1799. iv. Kal., Feb. in the year as above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord admitted William de Aysshaleigh, priest, to the vicarage of Kyngeston near Taunton by reason of exchange for the vicarage of Wynesford, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Taunton.

1800. To all the sons of the holy mother church to whose notice these writings shall come, Ralph, bishop of Bath and

Wells, greeting, &c. We have caused diligent inquisition to be made. And whereas, the parties of the said religious men (the prior and convent of Berlich) and Richard de Coutone then vicar of the said church being present, we have found the vicarage to be ordained in the form under written and to consist in the portions below written. The tenour of the ordinance is such. To all the faithful of Christ, W. by divine permission, Bishop of Bath and Wells, greeting, &c. Know ye that, at the presentation of our beloved sons the prior and canons of Berlich, we have instituted William de Haukedon, priest, to the vicarage of Brompton Regis. The vicar, who for the time shall be, shall take from the faculties of the said church all portions as well in oblations, obventions, tithes small and great, and lands with houses and gardens which the vicar formerly used to take. Paying annually from the same portions to the said prior and canons 40s., and to the archdeacon of the place 12*d.* of Christmas rent and 15*d.* of Easter custom. The vicar shall serve there by himself and suitable ministers.

Welyngton, ii Id., Sept., A.D. 1270.

We, having fully heard and discussed the merits of the said matter, acknowledge that the said vicarage consists in the said portions. And we ordain for the greater security of the said religious men that the vicar who for the time shall be, shall within a month from the time of his obtaining the said vicarage take an oath to pay the said pension to the said religious men. If he does not take it, he shall be bound to pay 60s. to the fabric of our church of Wells.

Wyvelescombe, Kal., Feb., A.D. 1343, and the 15th of our consecration.

1801. Bishop Ralph to brother Martin de Boueny of the order of Preachers.

We grant you faculty to hear confessions of any of our subjects wishing to confess their sins and to absolve them, strikers of clerks, corruptors of nuns, &c., excepted, to last for a year.

Wyvelescombe, 5 Feb., in the year abovesaid.

1802. Bishop Ralph to the dean of Wells or his official.

General sentence of greater excommunication against common malefactors, disturbers of the peace of the holy church and the kingdom of England and others.

Wyvelescombe, 11 Feb., A.D. above.

Like mandates were directed on the same day to the archdeacons of Wells, Taunton and Bath, and to the keeper of the jurisdiction of Glaston. Fol. 293.

1803. Licence for Master William de Lutleton, precentor of Wells, to hear confessions for a year.

Wyvelscombe, day and year above.

Licence for Hugh de Alresford to hear confessions for a year.

Wyvelscombe.

Like letters, as the preceding, were directed to brother Thomas Stansaghe, of the order of Minors, Master Richard de Chippenham, canon of Caynesham, the dean of Rideclive, the vicar of Cheddre, in the deanery of Axebrugge, the rector of Writelyngton, in the deanery of Frome, the rector of Sparkeford, in the deanery of Cary, Peter, vicar of Camel, in the deanery of Mersshton, the vicar of Hywyssh, the vicar of Puriton. All these are in the archdeaconry of Wells. The vicar of Stalles, in the deanery of Bath. The vicar of Bruggwater. The rector of Lokcumbe, the vicar of Lidezerd Episcopi, and the vicar of Hilton. All these are in the archdeaconry of Taunton.

1804. We, Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells. conferred the office of keeper or master of the hospital of St. John, of Bath, which devolved to our collation this turn, on brother Thomas Gosmale, professed brother in the said house, and caused him to be inducted into corporal possession.

Claverton, 7 Sept., A.D. 1343,

1805. Commission for the precentor of Wells, the chancellor of the same, and Master Walter de Hulle, archdeacon of Bath, to admit penitents *in capite quadragesime.*

Wyvelescombe, 12 Feb., A.D. 1343, and the 15th of our consecration.

1806. Bishop Ralph to Richard Rossodenet, priest, of the diocese of Exeter.

We confer on you the vicarage of the parish church of Mochelnye, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Mochelnye, by the Apostolic authority committed to us in this behalf.

Wyvelscombe, 11 Feb., A.D. 1343, and the 15th of our consecration.

1807. Bishop Ralph to the rector of Heighamme and the perpetual vicar of Kynggesbury.

Because we have provided the vicarage of Muchelnye for Richard Rossedenek, a poor priest of the diocese of Exeter, we order you to induct him.

Wyvelscombe, day and year above.

Fol. 294. 1808. Bishop Ralph to Robert Atte Hulle.

We commit our offices to you whom we have appointed as registrar of our consistory and sequestrator general to correct and punish excesses and crimes of our subjects, and to keep and sequester the goods of intestates.

Wyvelscombe, A.D. 1343, and the 15th of our consecration.

1809. x Kal., March, at Wyvelescombe, in the year above, the archdeacon of Taunton was ordered to induct Henry de Halswelle into corporal possession of the church of Cherdelynch, vacant by the resignation of Master John de Heighamme, the last rector, by reason of exchange for the church of Mulbroke, diocese of Winchester, into which he was instituted by the bishop of Winchester by the lord's commission.

1810. xix Kal., Feb., A.D. above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord deputed the rector of Aysholte as coadjutor of Thomas de Hoo, vicar of Overstaweye, at the pleasure of the lord.

1811. ii Kal., March, year above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord granted licence to Peter Atte Wymyate that he can have divine services celebrated in his oratory of Purye, in the parish of Estcantokesheved by a fit chaplain for a year.

1812. ix Kal., March, year above, at Wyvelescombe. Licence for Simon de Craucombe, to have divine services celebrated in his oratory of Legh, in the parish of Craucombe, for a year.

1813. viij Kal., March, A.D. above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted Reginald Le Mareschal, priest, to the parish church of Beere, at the presentation of Sir John de Acton, knight.

Same day and place.

The lord dispensed with the same Reginald that he can stay in the service of Sir John de Acton, knight, till Michaelmas next.

1814. viij Kal., March, year above, at Wyvelscombe. Licence for Richard Dummer and Christiana Dummer to choose a confessor.

1815. v Kal., March, year above.

The lord granted to Sir John Inge, knight, that he can have divine services celebrated for a year in his oratory of Dunheved.

1816. iv Kal., March, year above.

The archdeacon of [Taunton] or his official was ordered to induct William de Pylardyngton into possession of the church of Whytestaunton vacant by the resignation of Walter de Raiford, the last rector, by reason of exchange for the church of Donntesborn, diocese of Worcester.

1817. Bond of William Le Bret to Bishop Ralph in 20*li.*

Wyvelescombe, 17 Feb., A.D. 1343. 18 Edw. iii.

Also the lord enjoined on the said William that he shall stand in the cathedral church of Wells on Ascension Day next and on the feast of Corpus Christi with bare head and feet with a taper weighing one pound in his hands which he shall offer to the priest celebrating the mass.

Also he shall do the same in the cathedral church of Bath on Sunday in the octave of Easter next.

Also on the day of Pentecost he shall do the same at Taunton in the parish church there.

He shall do the same in his parish church of Saundford on the day of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.

And, moreover, the same William swore that he would not hinder the lord nor any of his men from making executions, nor lay violent hands on any ecclesiastical man.

1818. v Nonas March, A.D. above, at Wyveliscombe. The lord dispensed with William Page, of Cheriton, illegitimate, that he can be promoted to all ecclesiastical orders and hold an ecclesiastical benefice.

1819. Same day and place. Licence for the vicar of Swelle, to absolve his parishioners in cases not reserved to the bishop.

1820. iij Nonas March, at Wyveliscombe, in the year above.

Dominus commisit potestatem petendi et admittendi clericos incarnatos Magistro Johanne de Farindon rectori ecclesie Heighehamme coram quibuscumque Justiciariis domini nostri regis se aliis quibuscumque Judicibus secularibus qualemcumque cognicionem obtinentibus in quibuscumque locis nostrarum civitatis et diocesis contradictores et rebelles canonice compescendo.

1821. Whereas we, Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, caused Sir Richard de Luffenham, rector of Loxton, to be cited to show his title which he pretended he had concerning the obtaining and retention of the said church, and also the letters of his orders before us at a certain day and place. The same Sir Richard appearing before us showed that he was sufficiently protected concerning the obtaining and holding of the said church, and that he was ordained to all holy orders. We dismiss him from the impeachment of our office.

Wyveliscombe, 1 Dec., A.D. 1343.

1822. iij Id. March, at Wells, in the year above. Licence for the lady Sybil Plokenet to choose a confessor.

Same day and place. Licence for the said Sybil to have divine services celebrated for a year in the oratory within the mansion of John Baret in the parish of Montacute before herself and her free family.

Same day and place. Licence for John Inge, knight, to have divine services celebrated in his chapel of Corston for a year.

1823. ij Id., March, day and year above. The lord absolved John de Badeslegh from the sentence of excommunication.

Same day and place. The lord absolved John Atte Naysshe from the sentence of excommunication.

1824. Id., March, year above, at Woky. The lord granted power to William de Lanyngton, subdean of Wells, John Everard, and Simon Campaignion, vicars of the same church to seek and admit incarcerated clerks.

1825. Id., March, in the year above, at Woky. Fol. 295.

Dominus commisit Philippo de Welleslegę administrationem bonorum Thome de Wodeford nuper ab intestato decedentis ad disponendum pro salute anime sue.

1826. xiv Kal., March, year above, at Woky. Licence for John de Hombre to elect a confessor; and licence for him to have divine services celebrated in his oratory of Hombre for a year.

Same day and place. Licence for Sir John de Sutton and his parish chaplain of Hutton to hear confessions of their parishioners and to absolve them till the octave of Easter.

1827. xvi Kal., March, year above, at Woky. Licence for the rector of Cherlcombe to stay in service for a year.

1828. ix Kal., March, year above, at Woky. The lord instituted William de Mertoke, chaplain, to the chantry of Pokyngton, at the presentation of Reginald de Pavely, knight.

1829. The dean of St. Mary de Arcubus, London, commissary general of the official of the court of Canterbury in his absence, to the archdeacons of Bath and Dorchester or their officials.

Whereas we lawfully proceeding in the matter of an appeal which was appending by reason of a certain injurious citation to Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, by Sir Thomas, rector of the the church of Wambroke, diocese of Salisbury, at the instance of Master John Petri, archdeacon as is pretended, of Totton, in the

church of Exeter, between the said venerable father, appellant, of the one part, and the said Master John Petri, the party appealed, of the other part, thought fit to grant to the party of the said father the benefit of protection and we have also revoked all and singular troubles attempted on the said father after his appeal. By authority of the said court we order you to announce that the said benefit is granted and that the said troubles are revoked.

London, iij Kal., March, A.D. 1343.

1830. viij Id., April, at Woky, A.D. 1344. Licence for William de Lamborne, rector of Radestoke, to study in the university of Oxford or elsewhere according to the form of the constitution, *Cum ex eo, &c.*

1831. xvii Kal., May, year above, at Dogemeresfeld. The lord instituted John Gyen, chaplain, to the parish church of Culmyngton vacant by the resignation of William de Ludeford, the last rector, by reason of exchange for the church of Mateshale, diocese of Norwich, at the presentation of the abbess and convent of Shafton.

Same day and place. The lord admitted William de Ludeford to the parish church of Mateshale, diocese of Norwich, by authority of William, elect of Norwich.

Bishop Ralph to William, elect of Norwich or his vicar in spiritual affairs.

We have received your letters of commission in the matter of exchange between Sir John Gyen, rector of Mateshale, and Master William de Ludeford, rector of Culmyngton, dated at London, 6 March, A.D. 1343.

Having examined the causes and the matter of the said exchange we have approved the same and have instituted the said William de Ludeford to the church of Mateshale.

Dogemersfeld, xvii Kal., May, A.D. 1344.

1832. Summons for Bishop Ralph to attend the Parliament at Westminster on Monday next after the octave of Holy Trinity next

Teste at Westminster, 20 April, 18 Edward iii.
Printed in Dugdale's "Summonses to Parliament," p. 224.

1833. ix Kal., May, year above, at London. Licence for the rector of Farneberge to study for two years in England.

1834. vi Kal., May, year above, at London. Licence for William de Southam, rector of Sweyneswyke, to follow in the services of Robert, bishop of Chichester. Fol. 296.

1835. iv Kal., May, year above, at Dogmersfeld. Licence for Joan, relict of Matthew atte Aisshe, and Thomas, her son, to have divine service celebrated before them and their free families wherever they dwelt in his diocese. To last for three years.

1836. Ralph, bishop of London, to Bishop Ralph, summoning him to attend the convocation of Canterbury on Monday the morrow of Holy Trinity next in the church of St. Paul, London.
Stebenhithe, v Kal., May, A.D. 1344.
The King's writ to the archbishop is dated at Westminster, 22 April, 18 Edward iii., and the archbishop's order to the bishop of London is dated at Lamebethe, vi Kal., May, A.D. 1344.
See "Wilkins's Concilia," vol. ii, p. 727.

1837. Bishop Ralph to the prior of Bath.
Literas et mandata recepimus tenorem quod sequitur continentia. Venerabile in Christo patri domino Radulpho Dei gratia Bathonensi et Wellensi episcopo, Radulphus ejusdem permissione London' episcopo salutem et sincere dilectionis continuum incrementum. Mandatum recepimus continens hunc tenorem. Johannes permissione divina Cantuar' archiepiscopus tocuis Anglia primas et apostolice sedis legatus venerabili fratri nostro domino Radulpho Die gratia London' episcopo salutem et fraternam in Domino caritatem. Presentis mensis Aprilis, &c., sicut in mandato precedenti inmediate continetur.
Therefore we cite you, and through you, the chapter of Bath.

And we command you that you appear before the said archbishop at the day and place contained in the same.

Dogmeresfeld, iv Kal., May, in the year abovesaid.

Same day and place a like mandate was directed to the dean of Wells, the archdeacon of Wells, the official of the archdeacon of Taunton and to the keeper of the jurisdiction of Glaston, containing the form of citation which follows: Quocirca vobis committimus et mandamus quatinus citetis seu citari faciatis peremptorie archidiaconos nostros Wellenses et Tantonenses et conventum monasterii Glaston necnon omnes alios abbates et priores electivos sub se conventum habentes necnon singulos conventus et collegia infra archdiaconatus et jurisdictionem predictos constitutus, ac etiam totum clerum, &c., quod compareant coram nobis aut nostro commissario in capella beate Marie justa claustrum ecclesie nostre Wellie die Lune proximo post festum Ascensionis Domini proximo futurum, &c.

Dated as above.

1838. iv Id., May, year above, at Dogemersfeld. The lord instituted Roger de Clepenne, priest, to the parish church of Almondesford at the presentation of Sir Richard Lovel, knight.

Fol. 297. 1839. Mandate by Bishop Ralph to the dean of Wells to announce by authority of the sacred council celebrated at London, the sentence of greater excommunication on malefactors.

Dogemeresfeld, Id., May, A.D. above (1344).

See "Wilkins's Concilia," vol. ii., p. 727.

1840. Bishop Ralph to the archdeacon of Bath, and the rector of Bloedon.

Whereas we have caused the whole clergy of our diocese to be cited to appear on Monday next after the feast of the Ascension of the Lord next to come to treat for electing proxies to appear for the same clergy before the archbishop in the church of St. Paul, London, on Monday next after the feast of Holy Trinity next to come. We commit our offices to you to

do all things which at the said day and place are incumbent on us.
Dogemersfeld, iv Non., May, A.D. above.

1841. vi Kal., June, at Dogmeresfeld.
The lord conferred the chantry of Wyke Perham near Lamport on Stephen Tankard, priest.
Same day the archdeacon of Taunton was ordered to induct the said Stephen.

1842. x Kal., June, year above, at Dogemeresfeld. Letters dimissory for John Tybeneye, rector of Estludeford, deacon, that [he may be promoted] by any bishop of the kingdom of England having the grace of the Apostolic See.

1843. viij Kal., June, at Dogemeresfeld.
Same for John de Cadebury, "intitulato cantarie capelle de Litescary," deacon.
Same day and place. Same for William atte Lode, of Horsyngton, deacon.
Same day and place. Letters dimissory for Adam Seyncler, acolyte, to obtain the order of subdeacon only.
Same day and place. Letters dimissory for John Willynge, of Jatton, acolyte, in like form.
Same day and place. Same for John Le Taillour, of Congresbury, deacon.

1844. Bishop Ralph to Simon de Fareweye, rector of Liderd St. Lawrence.
We commit our offices to you [[1]whom we appoint registrar in our consistory court] to take cognisance in causes and matters pertaining to our cognisance, &c.
Dogemersfeld, vi Kal., June, A.D. 1344.

1845. Bishop Ralph's commissary general, to John, archbishop of Canterbury, certifying that he had caused the dean

[1] The words in brackets are crossed through in the MS.

and prior of Bath and Wells, the chapters of the same and others to be cited as on the next preceding folio.

Dogemeresfeld, Kal., June, A.D. above.

1846. A sa tresnoble et treshonourable dame dame Phelippe par la grace de Dieu regne Dengleterre Dame Dirlaunde et Duchesse Daquitaine le soen si luy plest Rauf par la grace de Dieu evesqe de Baa totes maneres reverences et honurs. Treschere dame nous avoms receu vos honurables lettres pur la parmutacion parentre sire William Clopcote parsone del eglis de Cameleye et sire Richard de Sodbury titler dune perpetuele chauntrie en lesglise de touz seyntz de Bristuyt. Pur la quele chose nous vous envoyoms nostre cher clerc Johan de Egemendone portour cestes pleynement enfourme de nostre volente en les busoignes avauntditz. Enpriaunt qil plese a vostre treshaute noblesse nostre dit clerc benignement escoter et crere en ceo qil vous dirra depar nous tochaunt la mattere avauntdite. Treschiere dame le seynt espirit vous eit en sa garde et vous doynt bone vie et longe.

Escript a Dogemersfeld le xxv jour de Maii.

1847. iv Id., June, year above, at London. Licence for Master John de Worthe, rector of Ebbolegh, to study for two years in the university of Oxford.

Same day and place. The lord granted to William de Boulton, rector of Wotton, that he can follow in the service of the King for a year.

1848. xviij Kal., July, year above, at London. Letters dimissory for William de Marnhulle, having the first tonsure, to all orders.

Same day and place. Same for Richard, son of William de Manton, of Honespulle.

Same day and place. Licence for Robert Reftwold, rector of Rympton, to study for a year in the university of Oxford.

Fol. 298. 1849. xij Kal., July, year above.

The lord admitted Matthew Kayel, priest, to the church of Chafcombe at the presentation of Roger de Stokelynch.

1850. viij Id., July, year above.
The lord admitted William de Weston, priest, to the parish church of Estcoker at the presentation of the lord Hugh de Courtenay, earl of Devon.

1851. vi Id., July, at Evercrich, in the year above. Licence for Walter de Pavely, knight, to have [divine services] celebrated in his oratory till Christmas.

1852. iv Id., July, year above, at Evercrich. The lord admitted John Pulle, priest, to the parish church of Brompton near Jevele, by reason of exchange for the church of Lamezete vacant by the resignation of John de Puteforde, at the presentation of the King this time.
Same day and place. The lord admitted John de Putford, priest, to the parish church of Lamezete vacant by reason of exchange for the church of Brompton, at the presentation of the abbess and convent of Godestowe, in the diocese of Lincoln.

1853. ij Id., July, year above, at Evercrich. Licence for brother John de Lyouns, of the order of Preachers, to hear confessions of subjects according to the form *Super cathedram.*

1854. xvi Kal., Aug., at Evercrych, year above. The lord instituted Allen de Esshe, priest, to the parish church of Lymyngton, vacant by reason of exchange for the church of Baggeworth, with Richard de Welyngton at the presentation of Margaret de Bello Campo.
Same day and place. The lord instituted Richard de Welyngton, priest, to the church of Baggeworth, vacant by reason of exchange with Allen de Esshe for the church of Lymyngton, to which he was presented by Richard de Hampton.

1855. v Kal., Aug., at Evercrich, year above. The lord John de Putford, priest, to the church of Thornfagoun vacant by the resignation of Thomas de Hornesbogh, the last rector, by exchange for the church of Lamezete.

Same day and place. The lord instituted Thomas de Hornesbogh to the church of Lamezete, at the presentation of the abbess and convent of Godestowe, vacant by reason of exchange for the church of Thornefagoun. He owes an entire fee.

Same day and place. Henry de Luttelton, rector of Spaxton, is given to the rector of Homspulle as coadjutor at the pleasure of the bishop.

1856. xiii Kal., Sept., at Evercrich. The lord deputed the rector of Greynton, as coadjutor to the vicar of Poulet. A.D. 1344.

Same day and place. The rector of Porteshevede deputed as coadjutor to the rector of Clopton.

Same day and place. The rector of Chelvy deputed as coadjutor to the rector of Brockelegh.

Same day and place. The vicar of Twyverton deputed as coadjutor to the vicar of Inglescombe.

Same day and place. The rector of Sandfordbret deputed as coadjutor to the vicar of St. Decumans.

1857. At Evercrich, year above. The lord granted the parish church of Whatele, by the consent of Oliver de Servyngton, knight, the patron *ex causa commendæ* to John de Rysyndon, holding a single benefice, for the space of six months.

1858. Commission by Bishop Ralph to the treasurer and Michael de Eston, the succentor, of Wells, to arrange the provision of a benefice at the presentation of the warden of Wells, for Nicholas Stoke, of Erchesfonte, a poor priest of the diocese of Exeter, according to the Apostolic commands.

Evercrich, v Id., Aug., A.D. 1344.

1859. Day of St. Tiburcius the Martyr. Sir John de Rysyndon before me, Stephen Tripp, at Evercrich, showed testimony that the lord granted licence of non-residence to the rector of Corscombe for a year.

1860. Bishop Ralph to the Pope.

We have received the transumpt of certain letters of your holiness which begin thus:—Clemens episcopus, &c., venerabilibus fratribus archiepiscopo Cantuariensi et ejus suffraganeis salutem, &c. Pridem videlicet in die Cene Domini contra Lodovicum de Bavaria hostem Dei et ecclesie manifestum ac de heresi condemptatum. Et sic finiunt—Reddituri nos de publicacione hujusmodi per vestras patentes literas vel instrumenta publica principium et finem continencia certiores. Ceterumque presentes litere nequirent forsan propter viarum pericula vel alia impedimenta legittima vestrum singulis presentari, volumus per te frater archiepiscope hujusmodi literarum transumptum manu publica scriptum tuo conjunctum sigillo, vobis predictis suffraganeis transmittatur cui adhiberi per vos volumus velut originalibus plenam fidem. Datum Avinion ij Id., Aprilis, pontificatus nostri anno primo. Tenor vero aliarum vestre sanctitatis literarum modo simili receptarum sequitur in hec verba—Clemens episcopus, &c., venerabilibus fratribus archiepiscopo Cantuariensi ejusque suffraganeis salutem &c. Nuper vobis per nostras certi tenoris literas duximus injungendum ut processus tam per felicis recordacionis Johannem papam xxij[dam] predecessorem nostrum in nostris literis sub compendio annotatos, quam per nos, contra Lodovicum de Bavaria hostem Dei et ecclesie manifestum ac de heresi et scismate condempnatum habitos deberetis in vestris civitatibus et diocesibus solempniter publicare. Verumque postquam vos juxta mandatum nostrum hujusmodi semel puplicaretis, propter eorum procesuum prolixam seriem ipsos seriatim exponere et puplicare populis singulis diebus dominicis et festivis grave et tediosum quodamodo redderetur. Volumus et fraternitati vestri in virtute obediencie per apostolica scripta districte precipimus et mandamus quatinus postquam semel processus ipsos seriatim puplicaveritis, ut prefertur, vos et singuli vestrum in vestris civitatibus et diocesibus in ecclesiis cum missarum agerentur solempnia, et major ibi aderit populi multitudo prefatum Lodovicum, fautores et adherentes eidem excommunicatos, ac dictum Lodovicum jure si quod sibi ad regnum et imperium Romanum competere poterat privatum necnon de fautoria hereticorum, et de heresi et scismate condempnatum, et

hereticum manifestum fore singulis diebus dominicis et festivis, pulsatis campanis et candelis accensis publice nuncietis, et a vestris subditis faciatis in eorum ecclesiis, et alibi ubi expediens fuerit, modo consimili, nunciari.

Datum apud villam novam Avinion' diocese ij Non., Augusti, pontificatis nostri anno secundo.

We have caused it to be announced.

Wells, iij Id., Aug., A.D. 1344.

Fol 300. 1861. 14 Aug., at Evercrich.

Letters dimissory for Master James de Molton, subdeacon, dwelling at the Roman court, to the order of deacon and priest. Under date at Wells xix Kal., Sept., A.D. 1344.

1862. ix Kal., Sept., at Evercrich. Licence for William de Bradewell, rector of Cherlton, Messegros, to follow in the services of the King for a year.

1863. Bishop Ralph to the dean of Wells.

Whereas William Le Riche, perpetual chaplain of the chantry of Lollyngton, and Adam Tracy, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Swelle, of our diocese, propose to exchange their benefices. We commit our offices to you to examine the causes of the exchange and to admit the said William, &c.

Evercrich, vij Id., Oct., A.D. 1344.

1864. iv Kal., Sept., year above, at Evercrich. Licence for Richard de Bradeford, rector of Sutton Montagu, priest, to stay at the university of Oxford for a year.

1865. iij Kal., Sept.. year above, at Evercrich. Licence for William de Mouleton, rector of Astyngton, subdeacon, to stay at the university of Oxford for a year.

1866. iv Non., Sept., year above, at Evercrich. The lord deputed Robert, rector of Halton, as *curator* of Ralph, rector of Broctone.

Same day and place. The rector of Gothulle deputed as *curator* of Robert, rector of Stawelle.

Same day and place. Hugh, rector of Fersshforde, deputed as *curator* of John, rector of Wodewyke.

Hic mutatur data domini Radulphi Bathoniensis et Wellensis episcopi post prandium die tertio mensis Septembris videlicet. iij Non., Septembris.

1867. iii Non., Sept., in the 16th year of the consecration of the lord. The lord deputed the vicar of Wollavyngton as *curator* of the vicar of Poulet, during his pleasure.

1868. xv Kal., Oct., year above, at Banewell. The lord instituted Thomas Cogan, acolyte, to the church of Honespulle. He was presented by Richard Cogan, knight.

Same day and place. The said Thomas took this oath.

Ego Thomas rector ecclesie de Honyspulle juro ad hec sancta Dei Evangelia per me tacta quod si contingat dominum Bathon' et Wellen' episcopum occasione institucionis et admissionis mee in ecclesiam predictam molestari vel inquietari, vel si contingat patronatum ejusdem a domino Ricardo de Cogan patrono meo evinci, extunc ad preceptum dicti domini episcopi pro voluntate sua, pure, simpliciter et absolute dictam ecclesiam de Honyspulle resignabo coram episcopo predicto, &c.

Presentibus, Johanne de Jevele, Johanne de Bleodon, Ricardo de Odecombe, Stephano de Cammel, Johanne de Brompton, Ricardo de Loxton, Willelmo de Jevelton et Waltero de Cricheston ecclesiarum rectoribus, Willelmo de Wynescomb, Willelmo de Banewelle, Thoma de Were ecclesiarum vicariis, testibus, &c.

1869. Hugh atte Burghe, 24 Sept., A.D. above, at Banewell, in the court of the bishop of Bath, [said] that on a day shortly before Lent last a jury was empanelled before a certain escheator of the lord the King at Langport. Before whom one William Penne, of Langport, one of the jury, said, against the will and consent of the said Hugh and Thomas Lecogare his co-juror, that the bishop opened and cleaned two ditches in the moors of

Hywyssh to the damage of the earl of Salisbury of 20*li.* when he the juror never consented.

Presentibus Johanne de Bath' et Ricardo de Hale testibus, &c.

Let the fine levied on the quinzaine of St. John the Baptist, in the eyre of Ivelcestre before Gilbert de Preston, Henry de Tracy, Roger de Wyncestre, William de Englefeud and William de Cobbeham, the King's justices of the pleas, &c., 40 Hen., son of King John, between William de Button, bishop Bath and Wells, William Artur, Adam le Walesshe and others, plaintiffs, and Reginald le Lunge and Hawise his wife, William de Cuille and Matilda his wife, Robert de Sparkeforde and Agnes, his wife, and William de Reigny and Cecilia his wife, deforciants of a certain watercourse upon the moor in Uphulle, in the hundred of Wynterstoke, be searched.

1870. viii Kal., Oct., year above. The rectors of Bleodon and Upphulle and their chaplains ordered to announce that false jurors, &c., have fallen under the sentence of greater excommunication.

1871. Non. Oct., year above. The lord committed his offices to Master Bernard Vinent, canon of Salisbury, commissary general of Raymund, cardinal deacon of St. Mary Nova and dean of Salisbury, to examine the matter of an exchange between Robert de Foulbourne, vicar of the prebendal church of Fordyngton, diocese of Salisbury, and Roger, rector of Northbergh, and to admit the said Robert.

At Banewell.

Fol. 299. 1872. viii Id., Oct., year above, at Banewell. The lord instituted Thomas Waleis, having the first tonsure, to the parish church of Horsyngton vacant by the resignation of Reginald atte Welle the last rector. Presented by Ralph Russel.

Same day and place. Licence for the said Thomas to study for a year.

Same day and place. Licence for Robert Tripp, rector of Lymplesham, to study for a year.

1873. Same day and place. The lord granted to Master John de Middelton, rector of Bleodon, power to hear confessions.

1874. v. Id., Oct., year above. The lord ordered the archdeacon of Wells or his official to induct Robert de Foulbourne to the parish church of Northbargh.

Same day and place. Licence for Master Robert de Grymeston, rector of Maperton, to absent himself from his church for a year.

1875. iv Id., Oct., year above, at Banewelle. Licence for Walter Gerard, rector of Stocke Deneys, to absent himself till Christmas next.

1876. v Id., Oct., at Banewelle, year above. Letters dimissory to the orders of deacon and priest.

[Name not stated.]

1877. iij Id., Oct., at Banewell, year above. The lord instituted William de Kyngham, priest, to the church of Wayford, vacant by the resignation of Richard Lovel, the last rector, to which he was presented by John Aleyn.

1878. xiv Kal., Nov., at Banewell. Letters dimissory for Hugh de Monyngton, rector of Dichesghate, to the order of priest.

Same day and place. Licence for the same to study for a year.

1879. xij Kal., Nov., at Banewell, year above. The lord deputed Hugh Niwehall, priest, as coadjutor of the rector of Blakedon at pleasure.

1880. ij Non., Nov. The lord instituted Robert de Docketon, holding the first tonsure, at Kyngesbury, to the parish church of Hemyngton at the presentation of the earl of Devon.

1881. iv Id., Nov., at Combe St. Nicholas, year above. The

lord admitted John de Nelond to the vicarage of the parish church of Stanes, diocese of London, by reason of exchange for the vicarage of Stoke-under-Hamedone. And the same day and place he instituted William de Corfton to the vicarage of the parish church of Stoke aforesaid.

1882. iv Id., Nov., at Thorlebeare. The lord instituted Henry Le Heyr to the parish church of Swere, diocese of Salisbury, by reason of exchange for his church of Stoketristre and Boyford.

Same day and place the lord admitted Edward Troubrigge to the church of Stoketristre and Boyford.

1883. Day of St. Clement. Licence for Henry Horslegh, rector of Kydesforde, priest, to study till the feast of St. Michael. Under date at Wyvelscombe.

1884. Bishop Ralph to the abbot and convent of Kaynesham. Whereas in the ordinance which we made[1] concerning the vicarage of the parish church of Westharpetre, appropriated to you and your monastery, it is contained that the vicar shall have all the houses of the rectory with the dovecote, curtilage and garden adjacent (except and reserved to you the granges, &c.). But we think that the vicar should have a mansion separate from the houses of the rectory and nearer to the church. We ordain that the vicar shall have the whole mansion of the tenant of the church opposite the gates of the rectory with the curtilage and close adjacent fitting for the *status* of the vicar. Viz., with the hall and two solars and two cellars, one solar with the cellar at the front end of the hall, and another solar with the cellar at the back end of the said hall. Also a kitchen, a grange, a stable for three horses, and a dovecote to be built within six months from the time they shall have possession of the said church at their costs. The vicar shall maintain the said mansion. The vicar shall have five acres of arable land, and two acres of meadow pertaining to the mansion and tenement of the said tenant, with free common of pasture for his beasts at all

[1] See Fol. 162.

times of the year in the fields and hills, and common feedings and pastures of the vill of Westharpetre and free faculty to mow heath in the hills of Munedep, as much as he wishes. For which said lands, &c., now assigned to the vicar we take away two quarters of wheat, two quarters of oats, and two quarters of barley, and three wagon-loads of hay from our first ordinance. If the abbot and convent do not build the said mansion within the said time, or the vicar cannot have the mansion with the lands, &c., as above, we will that our first ordinance shall remain firm.

Wyvelscomb, v Kal., Dec., A.D. 1344.

1885. xvi Kal., Jan., A.D. above, at Wyvelescomb. The lord admitted Robert Le Guldene, holding the first tonsure, to the parish church of Whatelegh at the presentation of Oliver de Cervyngton, knight. Fol. 301.

1886. viij Id., Jan., year above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted Gilbert de Corfton, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Henton, at the presentation of Master William de Littelton, precentor of Wells.

1887. xiv Kal., Feb., at Wyvelescomb, year above. The lord instituted Roger Fraunceys, subdeacon, to the church of Corfton at the presentation of John de Dynham, knight.

Same day and place. Roger Fraunceys swore in due form.

1888. Commission by Bishop Ralph to the archdeacon of Bath, Master J. de London, canon of Wells, and the rectors of Crich and Lidezerd St. Lawrence, in the matter of providing Walter de Wyndlesore, of Brugg', a poor clerk with a benefice at the presentation of the canon of the prebend of Wyvelscombe.

Wyvelscombe, x Kal., Feb., A.D. 1344.

1889. 23 Jan., in the year aforesaid. John de Risyngdon, rector of Hywisch, of the diocese of Salisbury, clerk of the bishop of Bath and Wells, in the court of the bishop at Wyvels-

comb, presented to the said poor clerk in the name of the said father a letter of the aforesaid tenour.

Presentibus Roberto de Erburghfeld, Johanne Vyneter et Johanne de Aillaston.

1890. xij Kal., Feb., A.D. above, at Wyvelescomb. The lord admitted Thomas atte Castle, priest, of the diocese of Worcester, to the church of Holecomb at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Caynesham.

1891. Licence for Hugh de Alresforde to hear confessions.

Wyvelescomb, day and year above.

The like letters were directed to brother Thomas Stanshawe, Brother Richard de Chyppenham, vicar of Radeclyve, Master John de Middelton, rector of Wrytlyngton, the rector of Sparkeforde, the vicar of Cammel, the vicar of Hywyssh, the vicar of Stallis, the vicar of Brugg', the rector of Loccomb, the rector of Hethfelde, the vicar of Hilton, &c.

1892. Bishop Ralph to all, &c.

The petition of the prior and monks of Henton, exhibited to us contained that their arable lands for cultivating are very hilly and stony, and the rents issuing from their water-mills are now slender and poor, and the pensions they are bound to pay exceed the value of the parts retained, so that they do not suffice for the food necessary for the monks, and to show hospitality. William de Littelton, precentor of Wells, has granted to them the right of patronage of the church of Henton, by reason of which they have supplicated us that we should cause the said church to be appropriated to them.

We, Bishop Ralph, by the consent of our chapters appropriate and grant the said parish church of Henton, now vacant, to the aforesaid prior and monks and their successors. Saving an annual pension of *6s. 8d.* to the fabric of our church at Wells, and a pension of *40d.* to our archdeacon of Wells in recompence of the fruits at the time of the vacancy of the said church. Saving also to the vicar in the same at the presentation of the precentor of Wells a suitable portion which we assess thus. The

vicar shall have all small tithes with the altarage. The said vicar shall also take from the said religious men 4*li.* every year, and two waggon loads of wood for fuel or 3*s.*, and one waggon load of straw. The vicar shall have the dwelling-house for the parish chaplain now situated near the church. A "placea" shall be built at the costs of the said religious men. The monks shall repair the books and ornaments for this time only, and then the vicar is bound to do it. Moreover we ordain that the precentor shall nominate two fit men for the vicarage, and the precentor shall present one of the two chosen by the religious men to us when the vicarage shall be vacant.

Dated in the chapel of our manor of Wyvelescombe, 11 Dec., A.D. 1344.

And I, Stephen Trippe, clerk, public notary, was present together with John de Rysyndon, rector of Jevele, William de Bere, advocate of the consistory court of Wells, and John de Bathonia, witnesses.

1893. v Non., March, at Wyvelescombe, year above. The lord instituted John Styllego, acolyte, to the parish church of Sparkeford at the presentation of John de Handlo, knight. Fol. 303.

Same day and place. Letters dimissory for the said rector to obtain the orders of subdeacon and deacon.

1894. 18 March, at Dogmeresfeld, year above. The lord instituted Robert de Euerous, acolyte, to the chantry of St. Mary in the church Croukorn at the presentation of the lord Hugh de Courtenaye, earl of Devon.

Hic mutatur annus Domini.

1895. iij Kal., Ap., at Dogmeresfeld, A.D. 1345. The lord instituted Roger Arell, deacon, to the vicarage of the parish church of Netherstoweye at the presentation of the King by reason of the temporalities of the priory of Goldeclyve being in his hand (by the war between him and his adversaries of France).

1896. The King to the sheriff of Somerset. Writ of *scire facias.*

Thomas de Haselsshawe, the younger, has supplicated us that

whereas he sued Master John de Milton and Stephen Trippe, late commissaries of Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, before our justices of the bench for that they held a plea in a court Christian concerning certain things the cognizance of which pertains to us, and the bishop in favour of the said John and Stephen, in order that the said Thomas might be excluded from the way of his said prosecution notified to the said justices and others, our ministers, by letters patent of the bishop, that the said Thomas was excommunicated for fornication or adultery with Agnes, called Smalannote, and they surceased the plea by pretext of the said letters to the harm of the said Thomas. We order you to let the bishop know that he shall be before us in our chancery on the quindene of Easter next to show if he has or knows anything to say wherefore he should not receive a caution from the said Thomas to obey the order of the church that he may obtain the benefit of absolution, and that the justices may proceed in the said plea according to the law and custom of England.

Witness ourself, at Westminster, 28 Feb., in the 19th year of our reign.

1897. ij Non., April, year above, at Dogmaresfeld. The lord instituted Walter de Erlee, priest, to the parish church of Brokton at the presentation of Thomas de Insula.

Instrumentum Johannis Chaill super renunciatione facta per Thomam Haselsshawe contra dominum ratione cujuscumque contractus.

1898. A.D. 1344, 5 Oct., Master Thomas de Haselsshawe, rector of Chiw, in the dwelling-house of Robert Gyen at Bristol in the presence of me, the public notary, and the witnesses subscribed, certain letters were exhibited, the tenours of which are contained below.

I, Thomas de Haselsshawe, clerk, rector of Chiw, have quit-claimed to Ralph, bishop of Bath, all actions, &c. Bristol, 5 Oct., A.D. 1344.

I, Thomas de Haselsshawe, rector of Chiw, have sold and granted to Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, all fruits, rents, obventions, and issues of the church of Chiw, from the Annunciation A.D. 1343 to Sunday after the feast of St. Michael, A.D. 1344 for a certain sum of money, &c.

Bristol, 5 Oct., A.D. 1344.

Presentibus discretis viris Roberto Gyen, Johanne Samuel, Johanne Beket, Henrico de Henesfeld, Ricardo Hale et Magistro Stephano Trippe notario publico.

And I, John Chaill, clerk, of the diocese of Lincoln, public notary, was present.

1899. Id. April, year above, at Fulham. The lord instituted Edmund de Hothom, deacon, to the vicarage of the prebendal church of Compton Donden at the presentation of Alan de Hotham, prebendary of Donden. Fol. 304.

1900. Whereas William de Bathonia, rector of Baggebergh, is so broken down with age, &c., We, wishing to provide for the cure of the souls of the said church and for the person of the said William, "*te usque ad nostre voluntatis beneplacitum, &c.*"

1901. vij Non., May, at Dogmeresfeld, year above. The lord instituted Robert Brewes, of Lodynton, priest, to the parish church of Sweyneswyk at the presentation of William de Iford.

1902. Excellentissimo principi et domino suo domino Edwardo Dei gratia Anglie et Francie regi Johannes, permissione divina Cantuar' archiepiscopus, &c. Vestre significamus excellencie regie, quod Thomas de Haselsshawe junior Bathonensis et Wellensis diocesis nostre Cantuar' provincie subditus propter suas manifestas et multiplicitas contumacias in non veniendo contractas, nuper auctoritate ordinaria excommunicatus, et pro sic excommunicato publice nunciatus in hujusmodi majoris excommunicationis sententia per quadraginta dies et amplius indurato perseveraverit animo et adhuc dampnabiliter perseverat. Cum igitur sancta ecclesia ultra non habeat quid faciat in hac parte dignitati supplicamus regie quatinus eundem Thomam exercere dignemini, quod secundum regni vestri Anglie consuetudinem convenit regie majestati, ut quem Dei timor a malo non revocat, saltim a peccato cohibeat animadversio regie potestatis; quam conservet altissimus et de hostibus det triumphum.

Datum apud Maghfeld, ij^{e} Non. Maii, anno Domini millesimo ccc^{mo}. xlv^{to} et nostre translationis duodecimo.

1903. By the tenour of these presents we, John, archbishop of Canterbury, make known that Thomas de Haselsshawe, the younger, has been excommunicated for 40 days.

Maghfeld, ij Non., May, A.D. 1345.

1904. ij Id., May, at Dogmeresfeld, year above. The lord instituted John, called Le Clerk, of Bath, priest, to the parish church of Wodewyke, at the presentation of Walter de Pavely, knight.

1905. Id., May, place and year aforesaid. The lord instituted William Le Couppere, priest, to the chantry of St. Mary, of Estcoker, at the presentation of the lord Hugh de Courtenay, earl of Devon.

1906. Kal., June, year above, at Evercrich. Licence for Master Roger de Middelton, rector of Ake, to let his church to farm for a year to John, now chaplain of the parish there, and to absent himself in the meantime.

1907. v Id., June, year above, at Evercrich. The lord by the Apostolic authority, conferred on Richard Wyard, a poor priest, the vicarage of the parish church of Brompton Regis.

Same day and place. The said vicar swore to preserve the lord indemnified by reason of his admission and institution.

Presentibus J. de Jevele, Bathonie, R. de Pokelchurche, Wygornie diocesis, ecclesiarum rectoribus, magistris S. de Fareweye et W. de Modbury, notario publico.

1908. iv Id., June, at Evercrich, year above. The lord instituted Nicholas Torny, acolyte, to the parish church of Wolfryngton, at the presentation of Walter Torny.

1909. ij Id., June, at Evercrich, year above. The lord instituted Gilbert de Welewe, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Henton Monachorum by reason of exchange for the vicarage of Milbourn at the presentation of the abbot of Cirencestre.

Same day and place. The lord instituted Gilbert de Corfton, priest, to the vicarage of Milbourn, by reason of exchange for the vicarage of Henton Monachorum at the presentation of the precentor of Wells.

1910. Kal., July, at Banewell, year above. The lord manumitted John Body, born of William Body, of Wyke St. Lawrence, and he can lawfully be promoted to all minor and holy orders.

1911. v Non., July, year above. The lord at Camelerton, instituted Thomas Haym, chaplain, to the parish church of Penne in Selewode by reason of exchange for the church of Stoke Wake, diocese of Salisbury, resigned by Thomas Fitz Roberd, at the presentation of Richard Thuselden, the patron of Penne.

Same day and place. The lord admitted Thomas Fitz Robert to the parish church of Stokewake by authority of the bishop of Salisbury by reason of exchange for the church of Penne.

1912. Kal., Aug., year above, at Banewell. The lord admitted Hugh de Northborgh, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Aisshulle at the presentation of Roger de Nassyngton. Fol. 305.

1913. 8 Aug., year above, at Evercrich. The lord conferred the vicarage of Weston on Master Henry de Hole, clerk, of the diocese of Exeter, by the Apostolic authority at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glaston, and instituted him in the same.

Masters John de Carleton and Stephen Tripp, canons of Wells, and the rectors of Dowelton and Clovely, diocese of Exeter, to induct.

1914. viii Kal., Oct., at Banewell. The archdeacon of Wells was ordered to induct John de Hulle, chaplain, into the vicarage of Henton Monachorum.

Hic mutatur annus consecracionis domini Bathoniensis episcopi.

1915. ij Id., Sept., at Bruyton, year above. Licence for Robert de Grymston, rector of Maperton, priest, to study or follow in the service of the earl of Devon for three years.

1916. v Non., Oct., A.D. above, at Banewelle. The lord admitted Nicholas de Somerton, priest, to the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Somerton at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Mochelneye, by reason of exchange for the vicarage of Northpederton.

Same day and place. The lord admitted Nicholas de la More to the vicarage of the parish church of Northpederton vacant by the resignation of Nicholas de Somerton, the last vicar, by reason of exchange for the vicarage of Somerton at the presentation of Brother Philip de Thame, prior of St. John of Jerusalem in England.

1917. iv Non., Oct., at Banewelle. The lord instituted Thomas de Kent, priest, to the vicarage of Henton Monachorum at the presentation of William de Lutelton, precentor of Wells.

1918. v Id., Oct., at Banewell, year above. The lord admitted John de Putteneye, priest, to the perpetual chantry of St. Mary in the cemetery of Cruke at the presentation of the lord Hugh de Courtenay, earl of Devon, by reason of exchange for the church of Northperret.

Same day and place. The lord instituted Reginald atte Welle, chaplain, to the parish church of Northperret at the presentation of Henry de Lortie, knight, by reason of exchange with John de Putteneye, priest, for the perpetual chantry of St. Mary in the cemetery of Cruke.

1919. vij Id., Oct., year above, at Banewell. The lord dispensed with John Eyr, clerk, concerning illegitimacy.

1920. Bishop Ralph to Robert de Ludes . . . , priest.

Considering that the weakness of your body and the dangers of the ways hinder you so that you cannot go to your parish church, we grant licence that you can have masses and other divine offices celebrated before you and your free family in your

oratory constructed in your dwelling house at Bradelegh in the parish of Estpennard as long as you live.

Banewell, x Kal., Nov., A.D. 1345.

1921. iv Kal., Nov., at Banewell. The lord instituted Richard Fitzwaryn, of Brightlegh, diocese of Exeter, deacon, to the parish church of Wotton, in his diocese, at the presentation of John de Stonforde, knight.

Subsequently the same Richard swore to preserve the bishop indemnified by reason of his institution.

Present. John, rector of Jevele, S. Trippe, canon of Wells, and Richard de Hale, clerk.

1922. The will of Elizabeth, wife of Sir Thomas Ap Aaron was proved before the lord at Banewelle, ij Kal., Nov., A.D. above and administration of the goods of the deceased being in the diocese of the lord was granted to Sir Thomas Ap Aaron, knight, husband of the deceased. And because the same Thomas was not the possessor of immovables in the diocese John Walsche became bail for him.

1923. Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Anglie, &c., omnibus ad quos presentes litere pervenerint salutem. Sciatis quod cum nos nuper per literas nostras patentes concesserimus et licenciam dederimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis fuit Stephano de Salop parsone ecclesie de Oldebury et Ricardo de Dudyngton capellano quod ipsi manerium de Burton juxta Conedoure cum pertinentiis ac duo messuagia et duas acras terre cum pertinentiis in Salopia et Cantilop dare possent et assignare dilectis nobis in Christo abbati et conventui Salopie. Habendum et tenendum sibi et successoribus suis ad inveniendum quendam capellanum divina singulis diebus in ecclesia beati Petri Salopie pro salubri statu venerabilis patris Radulphi Bathoniensis et Wellensis episcopi quamdiu vixerit et pro anima ejus cum de hac luce migraverit ac animabus patris et matris ipsius episcopi et omnium fidelium defunctorum celebraturum, nuper statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis edito non obstante, prout in literis nostris predictis plenius continetur. Nos pro cantaria predicta melius et securius

futuris temporibus invenienda et sustentanda per finem quem predicti Stephanus et Ricardus fecerunt nobiscum concessimus et licenciam dedimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est eisdem Stephano et Ricardo quod ipsi centum solidatas annui redditus exeuntes de manerio messuagiis et terris predictis dilectis nobis in Christo abbati et conventui de Haghmon dare et assignare et manerium messuagia et terram predicta districtioni eorundem abbatis et conventus de Haghmon pro redditu predicto obligare valeant. Habendum et precipiendum dictas centum solidatas redditus cum pertinentiis eisdem abbati et conventui de Haghmon et successoribus suis juxta convenciones inde inter ipsos abbatem et conventum de Haghmon ac predictos Simonem et Ricardum in hac parte faciendas imperpetuum, &c.

Teste Leonello filio nostro carissimo custode Anglie apud Redyng viij° die Julii anno regni nostri Anglie decimo nono regni vero nostri Francie sexto.

Fol. 306. 1924. The King's licence for Stephen de Salopia, parson of the church of Oldebury, and Richard de Dodynton, chaplain, to give and assign the manor of Burton near Conedoure and a messuage and two acres of land in Salop and Cantilope to the abbot and convent of Salop to provide a chaplain to celebrate for ever for the healthful estate of Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells as long as he lives and for his soul when he shall die, and for the souls of the said bishop's father and mother, and the souls of all the faithful deceased.

Teste at Westminster, 28 Feb., 19 Edw. iii.

1925. xvij Nov., in the year above, at Banewelle. [The bishop] conferred the vicarage of the parish church of Compton Dando by the Apostolic authority on William de Umfray, of Jevele, deacon, which pertains to the presentation of the prior and chapter of Bath.

1926. Edwardus, &c. Quia pro expedicione guerre nostre Francie ad partes transmarinas in principio mensis Marcii proximo futuri proponimus disponente Domino transfretare propter quod vobiscum et cum aliis prelatis et magnatibus regni

nostri Anglie super passagio predicto et aliis negociis nos et statum ejusdem regni tangentibus colloquium habere volumus et tractatum, vobis in fide et dilectione quibus nobis tenemini firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus, omnibus aliis pretermissis et quacunque excusacione cessante, sitis apud Westmonasterium in crastino Purificationis beate Marie virginis proximo futuro nobiscum et cum ceteris prelatis et magnatibus predictis super premissis tractaturi vestrumque concilium inpensuri, et hoc sicut nos et honorem nostrum ac expedicionem predictam diligitis nullatenus omittatis.

Teste me ipso apud Rokyngham vicesimo sexto die Novembris anno regni nostri Anglie decimo nono regni vero nostri Francie sexto.

Per ipsum regem et concilium.

1927. Bishop Ralph to Master William de Kynardeseye, canon of Wells.

We confer on you the houses, with the curtilage adjacent, in our city of Wells, in the street called Bizestewalle, which John de Sutton, canon of the same church, held while he lived, vacant by his death.

Wells, vi Id., Dec., A.D. 1345.

1928. 19 Dec., A.D. above, at Banewelle. The lord admitted William Dru, priest, to the parish church of Magheyn, diocese of Landaf, by reason of exchange for the vicarage of Eston, in his diocese. And the same day and place, the lord admitted Philip de Bath, priest, to the vicarage of the prebendal church of Eston aforesaid.

1929. Sciant presentes et futuri quod nos Radulphus permissione divina Bathonensis et Wellensis episcopus dedimus concessimus et hac presenti carta nostra confirmavimus Johanni Le Smyth de Southouere et Christiane uxori ejus et heredibus de corporibus eorundem legittime procreatis unam placeam terre in burgo de Wellia jacentem juxta cimiterium sancti Thome Southouere ex parte occidentali continentem quinquaginta pedes in longitudine et in latitudine. xx. pedes. Habendam et tenendam predictam placeam cum pertinentiis predictis Johanni et Christiane

et heredibus de corporibus suis legittime procreatis de nobis et successoribus nostris imperpetuum. Reddendo inde annuatim &c., sexdecim denarios, &c.

Datum apud Banewell die lune in festo sancti Stephani Martiris anno regni regis Edwardi tercii post conquestum xix° et consecrationis nostre xvij°.

His testibus Johanne Hichecoke, Philippo Webbe, Willelmo Wynd, Johanne Sudbury, Ricardo Purcer et aliis.

1930. 12 Jan., at Banewell. The lord instituted Walter Whityn, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of West-harpetre at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Keynesham.

1931. 13 Jan., year above. The lord, at Banewell, conferred on Richard de Rodeneye, priest, canon of Wells, the prebend of Lutton in the same by reason of exchange with Bartholomew Tyrel for the prebend of Codeworth in the same, and conferred the prebend of Codeworth on the said Bartholomew. The dean of Wells to induct.

Same day and place. The lord admitted Bartholomew Tirel to the parish church of Baunton, diocese of Exeter, by reason of exchange for the prebend of Lutton.

1932. Bishop Ralph to the official of the court of Canterbury or his commissary.

On the 4th day of Jan., we received the order of the said court in these words :—

To the venerable father in Christ Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, the official of the court of Canterbury, greeting, &c.

We have received the complaint of Thomas Conduyt, of your diocese, containing that you fulminated the sentence of greater excommunication on him the said Thomas he not being lawfully cited, &c.

We cite you, &c.

London, Kal., Dec., A.D. 1345

But because the said Thomas Conduit appearing at a certain day and place before the issuing of the said order upon certain articles concerning the mere correction of his soul to be

objected to him *ex officio nostro* was cited and did not take care to appear, our commissary thought, as was right, that he was contumacious. We afterwards, by your order, assigned Wednesday next after Epiphany for the said Thomas Conduyt to receive fulness of justice in the parish church of Banewell. At which day and place William C. proctor of the said Thomas appeared before our commissary for him. On whom our commissary offered to bestow the benefit of absolution, he being prepared, nevertheless, to take the oath to stand to the orders of the church concerning the contumacy. But because the proctor did not care to take the oath we did not proceed further in the matter. Nevertheless at the day and place contained in your mandate we will appear as we are bound. Dated at Banewell, ix Kal., Feb., A.D. above. Fol. 307.

By pretext of which mandate we will fulminate no sentence of excommunication against the said Thomas or cause it publicly to be announced that he was so excommunicated, nevertheless we assigned Wednesday next after the Epiphany next after the receipt of your mandate for the said Thomas to appear before us or our commissary in the parish church of Banewell. But because the said Thomas did not appear we did not proceed in the matter, and so we did fulness of justice to the said Thomas as we were bound, nevertheless we will appear at the day and place contained in your mandate.

Banewell, as above.

But whereas the sentence of excommunication concerning which the said Thomas complains was lawfully fulminated, nevertheless the said Thomas did not take care to ask us to revoke the said sentence, although we were and are ready to revoke it as we are bound.

Dated as before.

1933. The official of the court of Canterbury to Bishop Ralph.

The petition of Sir William de Tilneye, chaplain, exhibited to us contained that although he was presented to the parish church of Buddeclegh you, at the instance of Sir William de Tiderleye, did not take care to enquire concerning the vacancy

of the said church and to perform the other things which are incumbent on your office. We inhibit you.

Also cite the said William de Tyderleye.

London, ix Kal., Feb., A.D. 1345.

1934. Memorandum that on the day of the Conversion of St. Paul, the lord, at Banewell, granted to Thomas atte Roe and Thomas his son 10 acres of land in Northbarwes in Cheddre for their lives, paying *6d.* for each acre.

20 Edw. iii.

1935. 6 Feb., at Dogmeresfelde.

The lord admitted Richard de Wedmor, called the Smyth, priest, to the church of Thornefagoun at the presentation of Richard de Acton.

1936. Same day and place the lord committed to Hugh de Alresford, Master Roger de Kyngton professor of holy writ, brother Thomas Stansshawe of the order of Minors, Master Richard de Chippenham, canon of Caynesham, the vicar of Redeclyve, in the deanery of Redeclyve, Master John de Middelton and the vicar of Cheddre, in the deanery of Axebridge, the rector of Wrytton, in the deanery of Frome, Richard de Donsterre canon of Bruyton, in the deanery of Cary, Peter vicar of Cammel, in the deanery of Mersshton, the vicar of Hiwissh, and John Carleoun, rector of St. John, Ievelcester, in the deanery of Ievelcester, the vicar of Puriton, in the deanery of Poulet; all these in the archdeaconry of Wells; the vicar of Stalles and the subprior of Bath in the deanery of Bath, the vicar of Brugewater, in the deanery of Brugwater, the rector of Loccomb, in the deanery of Donsterre, the rector of Hethfelde, in the deanery of Taunton, the vicar of Ilton, in the deanery of Cruke, to hear confessions.

1937. To all who shall inspect these present letters, Thomas de Haselshawe, brother of Master Thomas de Haselshawe, rector of the church of Chiw, greeting in the lord. Whereas I sued Masters John de Middelton and Stephen Trippe, late commissaries of the bishop of Bath and Wells before the

justices of the bench, for that they sued in a court Christian against the King's prohibition to the damages of 500*li.* Know ye that I have released to the said John and Stephen all actions, &c., by reason of the inquisitions taken and of the 500*li.*, &c.

Lambuth, 12 Feb., 20 Edw. iii.

1938. Id., Feb., at Fulham.

The lord admitted Master William de Modbury, holding the first tonsure, to the parish church of Kyngton, to which he was presented by Walter Pavely, knight, proctor of Sir Robert Fitzpayn, knight, *in remotis agentis.*

1939. iv Kal., March, at Dogmeresfelde.

The lord admitted Thomas Forneaux, holding the first tonsure, to the parish church of Baggebergh, at the presentation of Richard de Acton.

Same day and place. The same Thomas took an oath in this form.

I, Thomas de Furneaux, rector of Baggebergh, swear that if the bishop of Bath and Wells be troubled by reason of my institution, or if it happen that the patronage of the same church be recovered from Richard de Acton I will resign.

Present, John, rector of Jevele, Nicholas, rector of Seleworth, Richard, rector of Loxton, and Richard de Hale.

1940. iv Non., March, at Dogmeresfelde. The lord conferred the vicarage of the parish church of Inglecomb on William de Axebrugge, a poor clerk, acolyte, by the apostolic authority, which belongs to the presentation of the prior and chapter of Bath. Fol. 308.

1941. Bishop Ralph to the dean of Wells.

The King has ordered a crossing over to the parts beyond the seas and has asked us by his letters to induce the clergy of our diocese to anticipate the terms of the payment for the last year of the triennial tenth granted by the clergy of this kingdom so that the tenth may be paid on the feasts of the Assumption of the B. Virgin Mary and All Saints next in [illegible] charges.

We living outside our diocese cannot go down to execute the premises. We commit to you and order that convoking the whole clergy of our cities and diocese you induce our clergy to consent to the anticipation. And certify us of what you do within three days after the feast of St. Mark the Evangelist next.

Dogmeresfeld, A.D. 1346, and the 17th year of our consecration.

1942. Bishop Ralph to Master Simon de Farwey, rector of Lydezerd St Lawrence.

The election of Thomas Coke, canon of Taunton, as prior of the said priory has been presented to us. We order you that going personally to the said priory you cite opposers, if any appear to the election, that they appear on the morrow of the Apostles Philip and James in the chapel of the B. Mary next the cloister of our church of Wells.

Dogmersfeld, viij Id., April, A.D. 1346.

1943. Ralph, bishop of London, to Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells.

We have received the mandate of John, archbishop of Canterbury, containing the tenour following.

[The mandate to convoke the provincial council in the church of St. Paul, London, on the next judicial day after the feast of the Invention of the Holy Cross, dated at Croydon, vij Kal., March, A.D. 1345, is printed in "Wilkins's Concilia" vol. 2, p. 727.]

By authority of which we cite you.

Hadham, iv Id., March, A.D. above.

1944. Pateat universis per presentes quod nos Radulphus permissione divina Bathoniensis et Wellensis episcopus Johannem Kynnoke filium Johannis Kynnoke, nativi nostri manerii nostri de Woki certis ex causis et legittimis manumisimus, et prestito primitus per eundem juramento, quod nobis et successoribus nostris ac ecclesiis nostris Bathoniensibus et Wellensibus suo perpetuo gratus erit et fidelis. Et si contrarium inveniatur se absque contradictione quacunque in servitutem pristinam pacietur revocari; presenti manumissione quam extunc nullam esse

volumus non obstante eundem ab omni servitute qua nobis et ecclesiis nostris Bathoniensibus et Wellensibus tenebatur, sub forma predicta liberum duximus faciendum. In quorum testimonium sigillum nostrum fecimus hiis apponi.

Datum apud Weligton viij°, Kalend., Septembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo xlvj et cons nostre anno xvij°.

Presentibus, &c. Johanne rectore ecclesie de Jevele, Ricardo atte zate, presbitero, et Ricardo de Hale.

1945. Letter, dated at Hadham, iv Id., March, A.D. 1345, from Ralph, bishop of London, to Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, reciting the letters of John, archbishop of Canterbury, in which are recited the King's letters in this form. Fol. 309.

Edwardus Dei gratia rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie venerabili in Christo patri J. eadem gratio archiepiscopo Cantuar', &c., salutem. Satis scitis immo vos sicut ceteri fideles nostri quadam onerosa participatione sensistis quantum guerrarum incomodi fuimus a tempore suscepti regiminis continue lacessiti, et cum pridem captis treugis in Britaniam per mediationem domini summi pontificis pacis amenitas provenire speraretur subito quietis applausis in horridam transiit tempestatem. Nam Philippus de Valesio qui ad nostri et nostrorum subversionem quinio nationis Anglicane delectionem pro viribus elaborat sub umbra dictarum treugarum plura commisit, per que dicte treuge noscuntur notorie violate, sicque guerram resumere compellimur, novit altissimus et inviti. Unde et si ipsius adversarii nostri thesauriis et potencia nostris nimis preponderent et ipse per dolosa consilia prevalere satagat in iniquitate sua: nos tamen non de terrena, sed de divina potencia, ac nostra confisi justicia, tam pro defensione ecclesie et regni nostri Anglie ac aliarum terrarum nostrarum, quam hereditariorum que dictus Philippus nobis detinet et injuste, progressum nostrum forciorem quo possumus sicut impellit extrema necessitas, ordinavimus, ultra mare, &c. Et quia ad hujusmodi gratiam consequendam vestrorum et aliorum fidelium orationum suffragia nobis speramus plurimum oportuna, cum in facto nostro, ne dum privata nostra, sed communia fidelium nostrorum versentur pericula velitis pro dicto progressu nostro preces devotas effundere, &c. Datum apud West.

xxvj° die Februarii anno regni nostri Anglie xx^mo, &c.
And ordering the said letters to be executed.
We therefore have executed the same letters, &c.

1946. iv Kal., May, A.D. 1346, at Dogmeresfelde. The lord admitted Thomas de Barri, priest, to the cured chapel of Estham, depending upon the parish church of Cruke, at the presentation of William Seyncler.

1947. ij Id., May, year above, at Dogmeresfelde. The lord admitted Hugh Swanbache, priest, to the perpetual chantry in the church of Wemedon at the presentation of John Mareschal, knight, in right of Matilda his wife the patron this turn.

1948. xij Kal., June, year above, at Dogmeresfelde. The lord presented William Randolf, of Coleshull, to the church of Cloteworth belonging to his *nomine commende* for William, bishop of Winchester.

1949. iij Kal., June, year above, at Evercrich. The lord admitted Walter de la More, priest, to the parish church of Exeforde at the presentation of Richard de Acton by reason of the custody of the lands of Walter Perceval, under age, grandson and heir of the lady Joan Perceval, deceased.

1950. Same day and place. The lord admitted John de Sutton, holding the first tonsure, to the church of Ellesworth at the presentation of brother Robert, preceptor of Bruer and Eicle, and brother Philip de Thame, prior of the hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England.
Same day and place. Licence for the same to follow in the King's service for a year. Also letters dimissory that he can be ordained to all minor and holy orders.

1951. William, elect, of Winchester, and confirmed, to the subprior and convent of Taunton.
Mentions brother Robert de Messyngham, the late prior.
[The entry which is crossed through with the pen ends abruptly.]

1952. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

Cause William de Langelegh, parson of the church of Lutton to come before our justices at Westminster on the octaves of St. John the Baptist to answer to Master Thomas de Haselshawe of a plea that he render to him his reasonable account for the time he was receiver of his money.

Witness, John de Stonore, at Westminster, 20 May, in the 20th year of our reign.

1953. 19 June, year above, at Welyngton. Licence for Master Roger de Middelton, rector of Ake, to absent himself for a year.

1954. ij Id., June, year above, at Jevele. The lord conferred on John, son of Adam de Moneketon juxta Penbroke, diocese of St. David's, priest, by the apostolic authority, the parish church of Roubergh which belongs to the presentation of the abbot and convent of St. Augustin near Bristol. Fol. 310.

1955. iv Non., July, year above, at Taunton. The lord admitted Richard de Poterne, priest, to the parish church of Heghfelde vacant by reason of exchange for the vicarage of Taunton, at the presentation of brother Philip de Thame, prior of the hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England.

Same day and place. The lord admitted Robert Pippecote, priest, to the vicarage of the church of Taunton vacant as above at the presentation of the prior and convent of Taunton.

1956. ij Non., July, year above, at Lidizerd Episcopi. John de Meisi, rector of Hethfelde [?] appeared before the lord and resigned his said church into the hands of the said father. And forthwith, a presentation under the seal of queen Philippa and also an inquisition taken concerning the vacancy of the said church having been exhibited by John del Trowe, priest, by which it appeared that the said lady Philippa was patron by reason of the custody of the lands which were of Peter Le Veel, knight, deceased, by the King's grant; at whose presentation the lord then admitted him to the said church of Norton.

Same day and place. The lord ordained for the said John Meisi his living from the said church, viz., that he shall take 100*s*. annually from John del Trowe whilst he shall live.

1957. Whereas John Meisi, late rector of Norton Veel near Taunton, has resigned the said church into our hands, we (the bishop) ordain that he shall have a suitable chamber for his habitation and of one servant, within the outbuildings of the houses within the fence of the rectory as long as he shall live, and he shall take 100*s*. annually from the rectors of the said church as long as he shall live.

Lidizerd Episcopi, ij Non., July, A.D. 1346.

1958. Ordinance of the chantry of East Coker.

Radulphus permissione divina Bathoniensis et Wellensis episcopus universis presentes literas inspecturis quos infrascriptum tangit negocium vel tangere poterit quomodolibet in futurum, salutem et perpetuam memoriam rei geste. Cum nobilis vir dominus Hugo Le Courtenai Comes Devonie pro una cantaria in ecclesia parochiali de Estcoker coram alta cruce perpetuo facienda pro salubri statu suo et Margarete consortis sue carissime et heredum necnon Emme Peny, Roberto Peny, et Isabelle (Is) uxoris ejusdem ac etiam pro animabus patrum et matrum suorum, Willelmi de Middelton nuper rectoris ecclesie de Estcoker defuncti et Sewaldi patris sui et Christine matris sue, Johannis de Hardyngton, Johannis de Berewike, Willelmi de Middelton quondam sacriste de Wymbournemynstre, Johannis Peny et omnium parentum et antecessorum parentum., ac omnium fidelium defunctorum de consensu et assensu excellentissimi principis et domini nostri domini Edwardi Dei gratia regis Anglie et Francie illustris et aliorum quorum in ea parte requirebatur consensus, Thome de Mallyngh tunc clerico nunc vero presbitero et successoribus suis capellanis quatuor mesuagia, sexaginta acras terre arabilis et decem acras prati cum omnibus suis pertinenciis in Estcoker, Northcoker, et Westcoker in puram et perpetuam elemosinam concessisset, contulisset etiam et donasset. Supplicavit nobis idem Thomas, quatinus dictas concessionem, &c., auctoritate nostra pontificali dignaremur, ut convenit, confirmare. Nos igitur inspectis cartis domini nostri domini Edwardi Dei gratia regis Anglie et Francie,

illustris ac dicti nobilis viri comitis Devonie domini maneriorum de Estcoker, Northcoker et Westcoker ac Johannis Hardi rectoris ecclesie de Childefrome, Willelmi Le Coppere et Thome Mallynge formas continentibus infrascriptas :—

(1.) Licence for John Hardi, parson of Childefrome, William Coppero, chaplain, and Thomas de Mallynge, clerk, to give and assign 4 messuages, 60 acres of land and 8 acres of meadow in Estcoker and Westcoker, to a chaplain to celebrate for ever every day in the church of St. Michael, of Estcoker, for the soul of William de Middelton, late parson of the church of Estcoker, and for the souls of all the faithful deceased at the altar of the holy Cross. Teste at Westminster, 5 July, 18 Edw. iii.

(2.) Licence by Hugh de Courtenaie, earl of Devon, for the same people to give and assign 4 messuages, 60 acres of land, and 10 acres of meadow in Estcoker, Westcoker and Northcoker to a chaplain to celebrate every day in the church of St. Michael the Archangel for the healthful estate of the earl, Margaret his consort and their heirs, Emma Peny, Robert Peny, of Westcoker and Isabella his wife, and for the souls of William de Middelton, late parson of the church of Estcoker, and Sewald his father and Christina his mother, John de Hardyngton, John de Berewike and William de Middelton, formerly sacristan of Wymbournemynstre, John Peny, and all their parents. Witnesses Richard Pike, John Loterel, knights, William de Byngham, Walter de Oterhamton, John de Dommere, Ralph Le Marechal, and John Baret, Twyverton, Monday next after the feast of Holy Trinity A.D. 1344. Fol. 311.

(3.) Sciant presentes et futuri quod nos Johannes Hardi, rector ecclesie de Childefrome, Willelmus Le Cuppere capellanus et Thomas de Mallyng clericus dedimus concessimus et hac presenti carta nostra confirmavimus domino Hugoni de Courtenai Comite Devonie unam mesuagiam cum curtilagio in Northcoker situm inter tenementum Philippi de Tyntenhulle et tenementum Walteri de Oterhampton. Dedimus etiam et concessimus eidem domino Hugoni Comiti duodecim acras et dimidiam et unam perticam terre arabilis cum pertinenciis in manerio de Estcoker quarum due acre jacent in Langelonde inter terram parsone ecclesie de Estcoker et le Gotecrofte. Una acra et dimidia apud Grymesgore inter terram Johannis de

Coker et terram Johannis Hillard. Quinque pertice jacent apud Radebergh inter terram Willelmi de Pechulle et terram Johannis Clode. Una acra jacet in la forlonge que extendet se super Foxmereslade inter terram Edithe Glide ex utra parte. Et una acra jacet in eadem forlonge inter terram dicte Edithe et terram Cristine Elis. Una dimidia acra jacet apud la Holedich inter terram Johannis de Salesburi et terram Johannis de Nevyle. Una acra jacet in Wibbergh inter terram Walteri Rois et terram Willelmi Pavyot. Una dimidia acra jacet in Crodeshurde inter terram Willelmi Pechulle et terram Willelmi Hogge. Una acra jacet apud Langburgh inter terram Johannis de Salesburi et terram Ricardi Digoun. Due acre jacet in eodem forlongo inter terram Willelmi Gillot et terram parsone. Una acra jacet apud Stodleghe. Una acra prati jacet atte Hampthorne inter Ingeston et pratum Johannis de Salesburi. Una dimidia acra jacet in Brotforlonge inter pratum Willelmi atte Were et Ricardi Benet. Una acra jacet in eodem forlongo inter pratum Willelmi Wayne et pratum Edithe Glide. Dedimus etiam et concessimus eidem domino Hugoni omnes redditus et servicia cum pertinentiis que Willelmus Wayne et Johanna uxor ejus reddere et facere debuerunt et consueverunt nobis pro omnibus terris et tenementis que de nobis tenent ad terminum vite eorundem una cum reversione, &c. Dedimus etiam et concessimus eidem domino Hugoni omnes redditus et servicia, ac pertinencia, que Willelmus Rogh nobis reddere debuit et consuevit pro omnibus terris et tenementis cum pertinenciis que de nobis tenet ad terminum vite sue, una cum reversione, &c., ut patet per cartam Roberti Peny de tenementis, terris, pratis, &c., inde nobis factis. Dedimus etiam et concessimus prefato comiti tres acras prati quas habuit dominus Willelmus de Middelton parsona ecclesie de Estcoker ex dono et concessione Willelmi in the Herne, Walteri Rois et Margeria uxoris ejus et domini Philippi de Poyntyngton parsone ecclesie de Honyton quarum una jacet in Cokermore in cultura que vocatur Baghelmforlonge inter pratum Walteri de Monte Alto et pratum Willelmi Wayne. Altera acra jacet juxta pratum vocatum Horscrofte inter pratum Willelmi in la Heorne et pratum Ricardi Benet. Et tertia acra jacet inter pratum quod fuit Willelmi Le Jew ex parte

occidentali et pratum Walteri Mouhaut ex parte orientali in Boghelmforlonge. Dedimus etiam et concessimus eidem domino Hugoni unum mesuagium cum curtilagio adjacente apud la Aissh inter terram Johannis Willames ex parte orientali et terram Willelmi Wayne ex parte occidentali. Habenda et tenenda omnia predicta mesuagia, &c., predicto domino Hugoni, heredibus et assignatis suis, &c., imperpetum. In cujus rei, &c.

Hiis testibus domino Ricardo Pike, milite, Waltero de Oterhampton, Johanne de la Forde, Waltero Mouhaut, Johanne Baret, Ricardo Bubbe, Johanne Willames, Willelmo in the Hurne, et Johanne Le Deo et aliis.

Datum apud Estcoker die Jovis proximo postfestum apostolorum Philippi et Jacobi anno regni regis Edwardi tertii a conquestu decimo octavo.

(4.) Sciant presentes et futuri quod nos Hugo de Courtenai Comes Devonie dedimus, concessimus et hac presenti carta nostra confirmavimus Thome de Mallynge et successoribus suis capellanis quatuor mesuagia, sexaginta acras terre arabilis et decem acras prati cum omnibus suis pertinenciis in Estcoker, Northcoker et Westcoker ad divina celebranda cotidie in ecclesia beati Michaelis archangelli de Estcoker ad altare coram alta cruce pro salubri statu nostri, Margarete consortis nostre carissime et heredum nostrorum, Emme Peny ; Roberti Peny et Is[abella] uxoris sue ac etiam pro animabus patrum et matrum nostrorum, Willelmi de Middelton nuper parsone ecclesie de Estcoker et Sewaldi patris sui et Christine matris sue, Johannis de Hardington, Johannis de Berewike, &c., que tenementa quondam habuimus ex dono et feofamento Johannis Hardi, Willelmi Le Cuppere, et Thome de Mallynge. Habendum et tenendum, &c., predicto Thome de Mallynge et successoribus suis capellanis in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam imperpetuum de nobis et heredibus nostris ita quod jus patronatus dicte cantarie ad nos et ad heredes nostros remaneat imperpetuum, &c.

Hiis testibus Thoma de Courtenai, Willelmo de Chinerston, Johanne de Chinerston, Henrico de Welyngton, Johanne Luterel, militibus, Waltero de Oterhampton, Ricardo de Brankescombe, Roberto de Rodeston et aliis.

Datum in manerio nostro et Estcoker die Lune proximo post festum sancte Margarete Virginis anno regni regis Edwardi tercii a conquestu octavo decimo :—

Et quia ea que ad cultum divinum ampliandum et in subsidium de (sic) famulancium constiterit pia mente fidelium erogari pontificali auctoritate convenit confirmari, &c., eas quantum ad nos pertinet auctoritate pontificali ex certa scientia confirmamus, &c.

Datum apud.

1959. Writ to pray for the King and his army landing at Hogges. Witness Lionel, keeper of England, at Windsor, 3 Aug., 20 Edw. iii.

Printed in "Rymer's Fœdera," vol. 3, part i., p. 88.

Fol. 312. Nostre seignur le Roi al honur de Dieu et de nostre dame seint Marie et a conforte de toutz ses foialx et liges gentz Dengleter signefie a eaux la grace et la prosperite de ses bosoignes qe Dieu lui ad done puis le temps qil arriva a Hoge preste Barfleu en Normaundie.

Primes, coment nostre dit seignour le roi od son hoste se mova de la Hoge le Marsdi proschein devant la feste de seint Margarete et prist le chastel et la vile de Valonges et puis sur son chemyn fist refere le point de Oue qe estoit debruse par ses enemis et le passa et prist le chastel et la villa de Carentene, et de iloeqes il tient le chemin vers la ville de seint Lo, et trova le ponnt Herbert pres de ceste ville rumpu, pur avoir desturbe soen passage, et le fist meintenant refere, et lendemain prist la ville et lui addressa droitement a Caen santz nul jour sojourner del eour, qil departi de la Hoge, tanqe a sa venne ilesqes, et meintenant sur son herberger a Caen nos gentz comencerent de doner assaut a la ville qe estoit moldiz afforcee et estuffee de gentz darmes en virun mille et six cent et des comunes armes et defensables a cisme de xxx mille qe qi ceo defendrent mult bien et apartement, si qe la mellee fust tresforte et longe duraunt. Mes loiez en soit Dieux la ville fut pris par force au dreyn sanntz perde de noz gentz. Et il furent pris le Connte de Ewe conestable de France, &c. Et sur ceo si ad nostre dit seignur le roi charge le Counte de Hontyngdon qe nostre dit seignur le

roi ad fact returner en Engleterre par cause de mult fort et perillousse maledic donnt il est suppris, coment qe son returner estoit mult conntre son gree de monstriere ceste choses plus pleinement au conseil nostre dit seignur en Engleterre.

1960. xv. Kal., Sept., at Wyvelescomb. The lord admitted William de Chidioke, priest, to the church of Chelvy, at the presentation of Richard de Acton by reason of exchange for the vicarage of Whitcherch, diocese of Salisbury.

1961. vij Kal., Sept., year above. Henry, perpetual chaplain of the chantry of Swelle, appeared before the lord, and resigned the said chantry; and the bishop admitted Audoen de Hambrugge, priest, to the same chantry at the presentation of Henry de Urtiaco.

Same day and place. The said Audoen swore obedience to the lord, and that he would undertake the charges and do all things incumbent for the said chantry.

Present, John de Risyngdon, John de Sydenale, Stephen Trippe, and Richard de Hale.

1962. Wolstan, bishop of Worcester to Bishop Ralph.

It was found in our visitation of our diocese that brother John de Iforde, prior of Bath, kept Agnes Cubbel in adultery several times in the manor of Hammeswelle, in our diocese, to the scandal of his standing and religion. We ask your fatherhood that you will cause the said Agnes to be cited before us or our commissary in the parish church of Withingdon.

Henburi in salso marisco, 7 Aug., A.D. 1346.

[Certificate in the margin.]

Verum quia eadem Agnes, subdita nostra inmediata, priusquam dictas literas recepimus, citatione personali super crimine adulterii cum Johanne de Iforde autoritate nostra pro correctione . . . . sue extitit pre . . . . . ta p . . . . . corr^{r} negotium coram nostris commissariis adhuc . . . . . peditum eandem Agnetem coram vobis citari non fecimus ista vice.

Datum apud Welyngton.

1963. William, elect and confirmed of Winchester, to the sub-prior and convent of Taunton.

The vacancy of your monastery by the death of brother Robert de Messyngham, the late prior, having been intimated to us by brother Thomas Cooke, your canon, by your letters, and you have asked licence to elect a fit person as your prior, we have thought fit to grant the same to you by the tenour of these presents.

London, March 2, A.D. 1345.

Wednesday next after the feast of the Annunciation of the B. Virgin Mary, March 20, A.D. 1346, fixed for the election of a prior of Taunton.

Fol. 313. 1964. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph to certify him concerning the names of aliens, as well cardinals as others beneficed in his diocese, and the value of the same benefices.

Westminster, 15 Sept., 20 Edw. iii.

1965. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

Cause 8*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to be levied from the ecclesiastical goods and benefices of Bartholomew Tirel, clerk, for a debt of 9*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.* which he owes us.

Witness, R. de Sadyngton, at Westminster, 27 April, 21 Edw. iii.

1966. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

Cause 20*s.* to be made from goods of Henry de la Forde, parson of the church of Meryet, to render to William de Herleston and William de Poynton, clerks, of Bricius de Donyngton and Joan his wife, in respect of 40 marks adjudged to them by our justices for their damages by reason of disseisin of a tenement in Hankechurche.

Witness, J. de Stonore, at Westminster, 28 April, 21 Edw. iii.

[Return]. We have sequestrated the goods of the within-named clerk to the value of 20*s.*, from which we could not make the money for lack of purchasers.

The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

We command you that you have 20*s.* from the goods of Henry de la Forde, parson of Meryet, before our justices at Westminster to render to William de Herleston and William de Pointon.

Witness, J. de Stonore, at Westminster, 6 July, 21 Edward iii.

1967. vi Kal., March. Thomas Toly took an oath under this form.—I, Thomas Toly, from this hour will do nothing in prejudice or contempt of the jurisdiction of the bishop of Bath and Wells. The lord then being in his chamber at Wyvelscomb mulcted him in 20*s.*

Present, Master Stephen Tripp and John de Risingdon.

1968. Constitutions of Bishop Ralph concerning priests. Dated at Wyvelscombe, vij Id., April, A.D. 1347.

Printed in "Wilkins's Concilia," vol. 3, p. 735.

1969. Indenture made at Wells, 22 Jan., A.D. 1333, in the 8th year of King Edward iii., between Ralph Bishop of Bath and Wells, and Walter de Rodeneye. Whereas the King by his letters patent granted licence to the said Walter that he could grant that four messuages, one carucate of land and 30 acres of meadow in Woky and Worthe which Petronilla de Northom holds for her life, of the inheritance of the said Walter, after the death of the said Petronilla should remain to the bishop and his successors for ever in exchange for the advowson of the church of Westharpetre to be granted by the bishop to the said Walter and his heirs for ever. The bishop, by the consent of the chapters of Bath and Wells, hath granted to the said Walter, his heirs and assigns for ever all his lands in the parish of Westharpetre with the advowson of the church of the same place to the same lands adjacent or pertaining. To hold of the King in chief in exchange for the reversion of the lands aforesaid, and Walter granted that the said four messuages to which Petronilla de Northhom holds for life shall remain to the bishop and his successors for ever after the death of the said Petronilla. Fol. 315.

Hiis testibus dominis Johanne . . . , Thoma de Gournay, Johanne de Acton, Joceo de Bayhuse, militibus, Hugone de Draycote, Johanne Beket, &c.

1970. Appropriation of the church of Westharpetre, and ordinance for the vicar. [This is in almost identical terms with that on fol. 162. See p. 298.]

Dated at Wells, iv Id., Dec., A.D. 1336.

1971. Submission by Walter de Olueston, rector of Westharpetre, to the bishop's ordinance concerning a pension to be paid to the abbot and convent of Keynesham by reason of the possession of the said church.

Dated at Westharpetre, viij Kal., July, A.D. 1337.

We (the bishop) impose a pension of 2*s*. on the said rector.

* * July, A.D. 1337.

1972. Summons for Bishop Ralph to attend the Parliament at Westminster, on Monday next after the feast of the Nativity of the B. Virgin Mary next.

Teste Lionel, Keeper of England, at Wyndesore, 30 July, 20 Edw. iii.

Printed in Dugdale's "Summonses to Parliament," p. 226.

1973. Bishop Ralph to all.

We made the religious men, the abbot and convent of Keynesham (to whom we have appropriated the church of Westharpetre, by the imposition of an annual pension of 2*s*. to be taken from Walter de Olueston, then rector) possessors of the said church, so that on the said Walter yielding it up or dying it should be lawful for the said religious men to take possession of it. Subsequently on the death of the said Walter we have caused the said religious men to be inducted into corporal possession of the said church.

Banewell, ii Id., Jan., A.D., 1345.

1974. We, Ralph, &c., have admitted and instituted Walter Wytinge, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Westharpetre at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Keynesham.

Banewell, Id., Jan., A.D. 1345.

1975. Convocation of the province of Canterbury on Monday next after the feast of St. Edward the King and Confessor.

Lambeth, xvij Kal., Oct., A.D. 1346.

The bishop of London's writ to Bishop Ralph is dated at London, xv Kal., Oct., A.D. above.

See "Wilkins's Concilia," vol. 2, p. 728.

1976. x Kal., Dec., at Wyvelescomb. Master J. de Middelton, rector of Bloedon and *commendatarius* of William Artour, holding the first tonsure, in the church of Clopton, resigned the said church, which he held *in commendam*, into the hands of the bishop. Fol. 317.

Same day and place. The lord instituted the said William Artour to the said church of Clopton at the presentation of Richard Artour.

1977. iv Kal., Dec., A.D. 1347, at Wyvelscomb. The lord admitted Robert Paveli, priest, to the church of Kyngton by reason of exchange for the church of Westcantokeshefde at the presentation of Robert Filtz Payn, and William de Modburi, subdeacon to the said church of Westcantokeshefde.

1978. vij Id., Dec.. year above, at Wyvelescomb. The lord admitted John de Dichford, priest, to the church of Capelonde at the presentation of Simon Meriet.

1979. Pope Clement to the deans of London and Wells and the treasurer of York.

Cum nuper dilecti filii prioratum secularium non collegiate ecclesie sancti Georgii in Iobia sive Vapicenensi diocese et Isuardus Guasqui canonicatum ecclesie Wellensis et prebendam de Wyvelescomb in eadem ecclesia quos tunc temporis obtinebat; desiderantes (illos ex certis causis rationabilibus moventibus), invicem permutare libere apud dictam sedem ex causa permutationis hujusmodi resignaverint in manibus venerabilis fratris nostri Stephani episcopi sancti Poncii Thomeriarum hujusmodi resignationis apud dictam ex causa permutationis hujusmodi nostro vive vocis oraculo super hoc sibi facte. Nos vocis dicti Johannis in hac parte favorabiliter annuentes, canonicatum et prebendam predictos, etiam si ipsi canonicatus et prebenda ac

prioratus per nos vel predecessores nostros Romanos pontifices essent specialiter vel generaliter reservati, per hujusmodi resignationem vacantes cum plenitudine juris canonici ac omnibus juribus et pertinentiis suis apostolica sibi auctoritate contulimus et de illis eciam duximus providendis. Decernentes prout erat irritum et inane ut supra, &c. Que omnia discretioni vestre per apostolica scripta mandamus quatinus vos, vel duo aut unus vestrum, &c., eundem Johannem vel procuratorem suum ejus nomine in corporalem possessionem canonicatus et prebende ecclesie Wellensis jurium et pertinentiarum predictorum inducatis, &c.

1980. We, Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, caused Walter Wyndesore, perpetual vicar of the prebendal church of Wyveliscombe, priest, to show his title to the said vicarage and the letters of his orders. We dismiss the said Walter from the impeachment of our office.

Wyveliscombe, iii Id., Dec., A.D. 1346.

Fol. 318. 1981. ix Kal., March, A.D. 1346, at Wyvelescomb. The lord conferred a canonry of the church of Wells and the prebend of Wyvelescomb on Master John de Offord, professor of civil law, by reason of exchange with Richard Derby for a canonry of the same and the prebend of Combe xi.

Same day and place. The lord conferred a canonry of Wells and the prebend of Combe xi on the said John.

1982. iij Non., March, A.D. above, at Wyvelscomb. The lord confirmed the election of brother Simon Pile, as prior of Berliz.

1983. vij Id., March, year above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord admitted William Tenacre, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Jevele at the presentation of John de Resingdon, rector of the place.

1984. The bishop accepts the resignation of Humphrey de Lymbiri, late prior of Berliz.

Wyvelescomb, ij Non., March, A.D. 1347.

1985. Bishop Ralph to the dean of Radeclyve.

Certain beneficed clerks of our diocese have let their benefices to farm without our licence. Expound the constitution made on that matter in the churches of Radeclyve, Caynesham and Chiw.

Wyvelescomb, vi Kal., April, 1347.

1986. Bishop Ralph to the dean of Radeclive.

Although the cemetery of Chiw has for a long time been, and is polluted by effusion of blood, but those who gave the cause of such pollution, or who are bound to procure the reconciliation of the same, do not care to procure the reconciliation and indifferently bury the bodies of deceased persons in the said church, we order you that you inhibit the chaplain, clerks and ministers of the said church that they do not bury the body of any deceased person in the said church without our special licence.

Wyvelscomb, vi Kal., April, A.D. 1347.

1987. vi Kal., May, 1347, at Wyvelscomb. The lord instituted William de Auene, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Northpederton by reason of exchange for the church of Staunton Priours at the presentation of brother Philip de Thame, prior of St. John of Jerusalem in England.

Same day and place. The lord instituted Nicholas atte More to the parish church of Staunton Priours by reason of exchange for the vicarage of Northpederton at the presentation of the prior and chapter of Bath.

1988. John, archbishop of Canterbury to Bishop Ralph. Fol. 319.

Whereas Masters John de Carleton, rector of Bisshopton, diocese of St. David's and John de Faryngdone, rector of Heighehame, of your diocese, desired to exchange their said churches, the Prince of Wales presented the said John de Faryngdone, to the church of Bisshopton belonging to his presentation by reason of the vacancy of the bishopric of St. David's. Wherefore we, consenting to the said exchange, commit to you and order that you arrange the matter and cause the said John de Faryngdone to be admitted and instituted to the church of Bisshopton.

Lambeth, iv Non., May, A.D. 1347.

1989. vi Kal., June, A.D. 1347. The lord instituted Thomas atte Crosse to the parish church of Coririvel in the person of William atte Heighe his proxy, at the presentation of the King.

1990. Id. June, A.D. above, at Wyvelescomb. The lord instituted John de Risyngdon, priest, to the vicarage of Jevele by reason of exchange for his church of Hywish, diocese of Salisbury, at the presentation of Sir John de Risyndon, rector of Jevele.

Same day and place. The lord instituted William Tenacre to the church of Hiwyssh, diocese of Salisbury, at the presentation of Agnes Burdon.

Robert, bishop of Salisbury, to Bishop Ralph.

William Tenacre, vicar of Jevele, and John de Risyngdon, rector of Hewysh, propose to exchange benefices, we commit our offices to you to arrange the matter.

Sonnyngge, 4 June, A.D. 1347.

1991. xvij Kal., July, year above, at Wyvelescomb. The lord instituted Robert Feure, priest, to the vicarage of the prebendal church of St. Decuman at the presentation of John Giffard, canon of Wells.

1992. Bishop Ralph to all.

Although John Ken, lord of Ken, is bound to us by letters obligatory in 40*li.* We will, nevertheless, that if the said John shall do the penance put on him for hindering the executors of our orders within two months after he returns from the parts beyond the seas into England and observe the oath taken before William de Modbury, our clerk, the said letters shall be void.

Wyvelscomb, 17 June, A.D. 1347.

1993. iij Kal., July, year above, at Wyvelescomb. The lord instituted John Elys, priest, to the parish church of Northcadebury at the presentation of Margaret de Moeles.

1994. v Id., July, year above, at Welyngton. The lord instituted William de Clyfford, priest to the parish church of Spark-

ford by reason of exchange for his church of Combebaskervyll, diocese of Worcester, at the presentation of John Lovel, knight.

Same day and place. The lord instituted John Stillego, deacon, to the parish church of Combe Baskervyll by reason of exchange for his church of Sparkford at the presentation of Philip de Ullyngwyke by authority of Wolstan, bishop of Worcester.

1995. xv Kal., Aug., A.D. 1347, at Compton. The lord instituted William Moyhoun, priest, to the vicarage of Dulverton, by reason of exchange for the church of Badyalton at the presentation of Robert de Hurtston. Fol. 320.

Same day and place. The lord instituted Thomas Floure, priest, to the parish church of Badyalton for the reason aforesaid at the presentation of the prior and convent of Taunton.

1996. The will of Maurice de Berkle, knight, was proved before us, Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells, 21 July, A.D. above. Administration of the goods of the deceased in the jurisdiction of the said father was committed to William de Hillesle, perpetual vicar of Brymesfeld and John de Cokkeshale, the executors.

1997. 23 July, year above, at Banewelle. Licence for Master Roger de Middleton, rector of Oke, to absent himself for a year.

1998. ij Kal., Aug., year above, at Chiw. The lord instituted William Goldy, priest, to the vicarage of Northovere by reason of exchange for the chantry of Stokelinch Otriz at the presentation of the master and brethren of the hospital of St. John the Baptist of Brugeswalter.

Same day and place. The lord instituted Henry de Niwport, priest, to the chantry of Stokelinch Otrizer by reason of exchange for the vicarage of Northovere at the presentation of Thomas Deneband.

1999. iij Id., Aug., year above, at Evercrich. The lord admitted Robert Godard, priest, to the vicarage of Castel Cary at the presentation of the prior and chapter of Bath.

2000. Bishop Ralph to Thomas de Forneaux, rector of Baggeberg, priest.

You have been presented *ad commendam* of the parish church of Thornefagon, of our diocese by Simon de Bradeneye, Thomas Filtz James, John de Somerton, and Richard Bat, parson of the church of Haselbere in Blakemor. We admit you and commend you.

Evercrich, ij Id., Aug., A.D. 1347.

2001. Id., Aug., year above, at Evercrich. The lord granted to Nicholas, rector of Compton Martyn, that he can let his church and farm to Thomas de Aissh, rector of Cherleton Makerel, and absent himself for a year.

2002. Bishop Ralph to the president of the jurisdiction of Pulton.

Licet clerus et populos ecclesie parochialis de Pulton festum dedicationis ejusdem ecclesie in vigilia nativitatis beate Marie virginis a longe retroactis temporibus consueverant celebrare; attendentes tamen quod eodem die clerus et populus ecclesie Anglicane circa proprium servicium ejusdem vigilie jejunii observacionem et alia pietatis opera ob reverenciam specialem gloriosissime virginis Dei genitrices Marie, ut plurimum occupatus, plene vacare non poterit celebracioni festi dedicacionis antedicti: quodque festum dedicacionis ecclesie quod in octabis devote convenit celebrari per festum nativitatis predictum adtunc concurrens, quod juxta ecclesie Anglicane consuetudinem octabas etiam obtinet, poterit impediri. Ut utrique festo debitum prout convenit impendatur officium, ex hiis causis et aliis, nos ad id moventibus duximus ordinendum quod festum dedicationis predictum temporibus annuatim perpetuo duraturis die dominica proximo ante dictam vigiliam in ecclesia de Pulton predicta decetero celebretur, &c.

Evercrich, ij Id., Aug., A.D. 1347.

2003. The official of the court of Canterbury to the official of the archdeacon of Wells.

It has been intimated to us on the part of Sir Walter de London, dean of Wells, that, although by a laudable custom and orders lawfully observed from a time whereof the memory of man is not to the contrary, the right of enquiring concerning the vacancies of certain parish churches and vicarages pertaining to the prebends or farms of the said cathedral church, and also concerning the life, morals, conversation, and other conditions of the persons who shall be presented to them, &c., have pertained and ought to pertain to the dean of Wells, nevertheless the bishop holding no jurisdiction in that behalf, not ignorant of the premises (the vicarage of the prebendal church of St. Decuman being vacant, to which Sir John Giffard, canon of Wells and prebendary of St. Decuman, presented Sir Robert Feuere) ordered enquiry to be made concerning the right of so presenting and the said vacancy, far outside the city of Wells, and outside the said cathedral church, against the custom, by his clerks in his chapel at Wyvelescombe. We order you to inhibit the said venerable father and cite the said venerable father and Sir Robert Feuere.

London, xiv Kal., Aug., A.D. 1347.

2004. We the official of the jurisdiction of Welyngton and Cherde, commissary of Bishop Ralph for punishing and correcting excesses, crimes, and offences of his subjects, have caused John atte Pole, called Le Smyth, priest, to be cited before us for judgment, because he publicly solemnized matrimony between John de Whityngton and Joan Lydeneye, without publishing the banns. The said John appearing before us proved that the banns were published three times before the solemnizing of the said matrimony within two days. And because he solemnized the said matrimony without fitting intervals, but by ignorance of the law, we dismiss him in peace from the impeachment of the office of the said father.

Evercrich, v Kal., Sept., A.D. 1347.

2005. Ralph, bishop of London, to Bishop Ralph, reciting the letters of John, archbishop of Canterbury, dated at Lambeth

iij Kal., Aug., A.D. 1347, ordering him to convoke the provincial council of Canterbury at the church of St. Paul, London, on the first judicial day after the feast of St. Jerome the Confessor next, and summoning him and the clergy and others of his diocese to attend there.

Stebenheth, ij Non., Aug., A.D. above.

See "Wilkins' Concilia," vol. 2, p. 735.

2006. xvi Kal., Oct., year above, at Evercrich. The lord instituted William de Pylardyngton, priest, to the church of Donyate by reason of exchange with the church of Whitestaunton at the presentation of Katherine de Monte Acuto, countess of Salisbury.

Same day and place. The lord instituted Walter de Marleburgh, priest, to the church of Whitestaunton by reason of exchange with the church of Donyate, at the presentation of Roger de Staunton.

Fol. 322. 2007. x Kal., Nov., A.D. 1347, at Evercrich. The lord instituted Hugh de Nywehalle, priest, to the church of Blakedon at the presentation of James de Audelegh.

2008. Mem., that the bishop on Thursday next after the feast of the Assumption of the B. Virgin Mary, A.D. 1347, at Evercrich, granted to Richard atte Heygh, rector of Henton St. George, that he could let his church and farm to a fit parson for a year and follow in the service of the King or Thomas atte Crosse.

2009. iij Kal., Nov., year above, at Jevelton. The lord admitted John Daulys, of Brampton, priest, to the church of Northbarwe, by reason of exchange with the vicarage of the parish church of Schepreth, diocese of Salisbury, to which he was presented by Isabella, relict of James Lovel.

Same day and place. The lord instituted Robert Elys, priest, to the vicarage of the church of Schepreth, diocese of Salisbury, to which he was presented by the abbess and convent of Chateriz.

2010. vij Id., Nov, year above, at Cherde. The lord admitted

William de Whitebourn, priest, to the church of Penne Dommere, by reason of exchange with the parish church of Chiltecombe, diocese of Salisbury, to which he was presented by the said William.

Same day and place. The lord instituted John de Molton, priest, to the parish church of Chiltecombe, diocese of Salisbury by reason of exchange with the church of Penne Dommere, to which he was presented by Ivo de Chiltecombe.

2011. xviij Kal., Dec., year above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord admitted Reginald Marchal, priest, to the parish church of Thorlockeston [vacant], by the resignation of Walter de Quenton, by reason of exchange with the church of Bere at the presentation of the prior and convent of Taunton.

Same day and place. The lord admitted Walter de Quenton, priest, to the parish church of Bere [vacant], by the resignation of Reginald Marchal by reason of exchange with the church of Thorlockeston at the presentation of John, son of Odo de Acton.

2012. xi Kal., Dec., at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted John Dichford, priest, to the parish church of Southbradene [vacant] by the resignation of John de Ileford, by reason of exchange with the church of Capelonde, at the presentation of John, lord of Southbradene.

Same day and place. John de Ileford, priest, was instituted to the parish church of Capelonde by reason of exchange with the church of Southbradene, at the presentation of Simon de Meriet.

2013. ix Kal., Dec., at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted Adam atte Fenne, holding the first tonsure, to the parish church of Stratton super la Fosse at the presentation of Thomas de Bradeston.

2014. xij Kal., Jan., A.D. 1347–[8], at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted Thomas atte Forde, holding the first tonsure, to the parish church of Thornefagon at the presentation of Simon de Bradeneye, John de Somerton, Thomas Filtz James and Richard Bat, parson of the church of Haselbere in Blakemor.

2015. vij Kal., Jan., year above, at Wyvelescomb. The lord instituted Robert Langbroke, priest, to the parish church of Cloteworth at the presentation of John Langbroke.

Same day and place. The same Robert made canonical obedience, and swore that he would preserve the lord indemnified if it happened that he were sued by reason of the patronage. He also swore that if it happened that Master John de Sidenale, former rector of the church of Clotheworth was harassed on account of the church of Bampton, which he claims to hold, that he would leave the church of Clotheworthe.

Present, Sir William Cammel, rector of Jevelton, Nicholas de Pontesbury, and Master S. Trippe, canon of Wells, John Viniter and John Okle, clerks.

2016. iij Kal., Jan., year above, at Wyvelscomb. The lord instituted William Jurdan, deacon, to the vicarage of the parish church of Stokecurcy at the presentation of the King by reason of the priory of Stokecurcy being in his hands on the occasion of the war.

2017. iv. Non., Jan., year above, at Wyvelscomb. The lord instituted John de Stodlegh, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Worle at the presentation of the prior and canons of Worspringge.

Same day and place. The lord conferred the vicarage of the parish church of Lockynge on Walter Alayn, a poor priest, by the Apostolic authority, at the presentation of the prior and canons of Worspring.

Fol. 323. 2018. xviij Kal., Feb., A.D. 1347, at Wyvelescombe. The lord confirmed the election of brother Thomas de Cadecote as master of the hospital of St. John of Brugewater.

2019. Bishop Ralph, executor to provide William Slymbrigge of Portland, a poor clerk of the diocese of Salisbury, with a benefice at the presentation of the sub-prior and chapter of Bath, to the archdeacon of Bath.

We lately committed our offices to Master Stephen Trippe, canon of Wells, to enquire touching the life and conversation of

the said poor clerk, and he has pronounced him fit to hold an ecclesiastical benefice. And whereas afterwards the vicarage of the church of the B. Mary, of Stalles, in our city of Bath, being vacant by the death of John de Dudmerton, the last vicar, we commit our offices to you to confer the said vicarage on the poor clerk and to induct him, &c.

Wyvelscombe, x Kal., Feb., A.D. 1347.

2020. Non., Feb., A.D. above, at Wyvelscomb. The lord directed his letters to the archdeacon of Taunton or his official for the induction of Thomas atte Knolle into possession of the church of Craucombe at the presentation of the prioress and convent of Stodlegh, diocese of Lincoln, by reason of exchange for the church of Poundestoke, diocese of Exeter, by reason of exchange for the church of Poundestoke, diocese of Exeter.

2021. viij Id., Feb., year above at Wyvelscomb. The lord admitted Walter de Godmonstone, priest, to the parish church of West Douelisch at the presentation of John de Wake, knight.

2022. xiij Kal., March, year above, at Wyvelscomb. The lord instituted John de Copham, acolyte, to the parish church of Schepton Beauchamp at the presentation of the King by reason of the minority of John de Beauchamp.

Same day and place. Letters dimissory for the same John to all holy orders.

2023. Bishop Ralph to Luke de Lyskyrd, priest.

We confer on you the chantry of the B. Mary the greater, of Ivelestre, belonging to our patronage.

Wyvelescomb, viij Kal., March, A.D. 1347.

Same day and place. Archdeacon of Wells to induct the said Luke.

2024. xv Kal., May, A.D. 1348, at Wyvelescombe. The lord admitted Martin de Suttone, priest, to the parish church of Baggeworthe, by John de Worthe, priest, his proxy, to which he was presented by Master William de Lyttelton, precentor of Wells.

2025. x Kal. May A.D. 1348, at Wyvelscombe. The lord admitted Richard Payn, priest, to the parish church of Hethfeld by reason of exchange for the vicarage of Wynesford at the presentation of brother Philip de Thame, prior of the hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England.

Same day and place. The lord admitted Richard de Poterne, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Wynesforde, by the resignation of Richard Payn by reason of exchange for the church of Hethfeld at the presentation of the prior and canons of Berliz.

2026. ix Kal., May, year above, at Wyvelscomb. The lord admitted Richard de Haddone, priest, to the parish church of Bekyngton at the presentation of the King by reason of the lands and heir of John de Erlegh, deceased.

2027. Bishop Ralph to the precentor of Wells and Nicholas de Forde, canon of the same.

The prior and chapter of Bath, have presented to us Nicholas Gateman, of Norton, priest, for the parish church of Staunton Priors. We being hindered by various and arduous matter, cannot attend to the arranging of the matter. We commit our offices to you to institute and cause him to be inducted.

Wyvelscomb, ix Kal., May A.D. 1348.

2028. xvij Kal., June, A.D. 1348, at Wyvelescombe. The lord admitted John de Cromhale, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Heyghluttelton, by reason of exchange for the perpetual chantry in the confraternity of the house of St. Lawrence, Bristol, diocese of Worcester, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Keynesham.

2029. v Kal., June, year above, at Brugewater. The lord admitted Philip Rowe, priest, to the church of Wondestre to which he was presented by Edmund de Clyvedon.

2030. ij Non., June, at Banewelle. The lord admitted Ralph de Lonelynche, priest, to the parish church of Orchard, at the presentation of Thomas de Orchard.

The said Ralph swore to preserve the bishop indemnified in the matter of his institution. If it should happen that the bishop be sued by reason of the patronage of the said church, he will leave the benefice.

Present, Sir J. de Rysingdone, rector of Jevele, Master John de Middelton, rector of Bradeforde, Master S. Tripp, canon of Wells, Nicholas de Pontesbury and John de Okle.

2031. Bishop Ralph to all. Fol. 324.

Whereas brother John de Monyngton, master or prior of the hospital or house of St. John the Baptist, of Bristol, has resigned, and he and the brethren have submitted themselves to our ordinance. Saving, nevertheless, to the said brother John and the brethren free faculty to elect a master, we have thought fit to ordain that the said brother John shall keep one chamber in the said hospital which he shall think fit to take, except the two chambers one of which is called the bishop's chamber and the other the master's, together with a stable suitable for a horse. He shall also take in eating, drinking and other *curialitates* as much as two brethren of the said house take. Moreover, he shall have the manor of Bysshopworth, belonging to the said hospital with its commodities, rents, sale of lands, and tenements, wards, marriages, perquisites of courts, escheats, mills and pastures, &c., and nine oxen now in the manor shall remain in the possession of the said brother John, together wlth a cart, plough and other provision for the said manor. So that he shall leave so much and of as great value in the said manor when he shall die.

Chiw, Wednesday, the morrow of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, A.D. 1348.

2032. vi Kal., July A.D. 1348, at Pokelchurche. The lord manumitted John Coleman and Thomas Coleman, sons of Adam Coleman his bondtenant, of Pokelchurch, in order that they may be reckoned amongst the clerical soldiery and be promoted to all minor and holy orders.

2033. iv Kal., July, year above, at Pokelchurche. The lord admitted Nicholas Gateman, of Norton, priest, to the parish church of Staunton Priors, at the presentation of the prior and chapter of Bath.

2034. vi Id., July, A.D. 1348, at Claverton. The lord instituted John Crispyn, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Merston Beauchamp [vacant] by the resignation of Sir Henry de Sutton, the last vicar, by reason of exchange for the vicarage of the church of St. Hugh, at Quedike, diocese of Exeter, at the presentation of the prioress and convent of Polslo.

Same day and place. The lord conferred the vicarage of the church of St. Hugh, of Quedike, diocese, of Exeter, on Henry de Sutton, priest, [vacant] by the resignation of John Crispyn, the last vicar, by reason of exchange for the vicarage of Merston Beauchamp, diocese of Bath and Wells.

John, bishop of Exeter, to Bishop Ralph.

Sirs Henry de Sutton, vicar of Merston, of your diocese, and John Crispyn, vicar of St. Hugh de Quedike, of our diocese propose to exchange their benefices.

We being hindered from attending to the arranging of the said exchange commit our offices to your reverend fatherhood.

In our manor of Chuddelegh, 1 July, A.D. 1348.

2035. iv Id., July, year above, at Claverton. The lord admitted William de Neweport, priest, to the parish church of Telesforde [vacant] by the resignation of Robert de la Dyche, the last rector, by reason of exchange for the vicarage of the church of Aisshecote, at the presentation of Walter Pavely, knight, patron of the church of Telesforde.

Same day and place. The lord admitted Robert de la Dyche, priest, to the vicarage of Aisshecote by reason of exchange for the church of Telesford, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glaston.

2036. vi Kal., Aug., year above, at Evercrich. The lord admitted Hugh Hallynge, of Haitefeld, priest, to the church of Halton, at the presentation of William de Botreaux.

2037. vi Id., Aug., year above, at Evercrich. The lord admitted Lawrence le fitz Waryn, of Brightlegh, holding the first tonsure, to the church of Wotton at the presentation of Sir John de Stonford, knight.

2038. xi Kal., Sept., year above, at Evercrich. William de Tomere, acolyte, to the church of Stawelle at the presentation of Reginald de Malyns.

Same day and place. The lord dispensed William, rector of Stawelle, acolyte, that he can study for a year in the university of Oxford.

2039. Universis ad quos presentes litere pervenerint Radulphus permissione divina Bathoniensis et Wellensis episcopus, salutem in omnium Salvatore. Noveritis quod nos pro nobis et successoribus nostris quantum in nobis est concessimus et licenciam dedimus dilecto nobis in Christo filio Waltero de Hulle, archidiacono nostro Bathoniensi, quod ipse dare possit et assignare duo mesuagia cum pertinenciis in Welles dilectis nobis in Christo filiis decano et capitulo ecclesie nostre Wellensis obitum nostrum atque domini Walteri de Romeseye, militis, filii et heredis domini Johannis de Romeseye, militis, defuncti, Walterique de Hulle predicti in festo sancte Katerine virginis singulis diebus imperpetuum facturis et elemosinas juxta legitimam ordinacionem in hac parte faciendam inter pauperes Christi distributuris: necnon duo mesuagia cum pertinenciis in Welles predicta cuidam capellano in ecclesia beate Marie virginis de Chilterne Dummere ad honorem ipsius virginis et pro animabus Walteri et Walteri predictorem atque nostra ac parentum et benefactorum Walteri et Walteri predictorum atque nostrorum omnium que fidelium defunctorum divina singulis diebus celebraturo. Habenda et tenenda dictis decano et capitulo, &c., imperpetuum. Et etiam quod prefatus Walterus de Hulle concedere possit quod duo messuagia cum pertinenciis in Welles et unum mesuagium cum pertinenciis in Woky apud Zerdlegh que Thomas de Milverton, vicarius ecclesie de Woky, et unam mesuagium cum pertinenciis in Wells quod Johannes Godman ad terminum vite sue tenent de hereditate Walteri de Hulle predicti, et que post mortem eorundem Thome et Johannis eidem Waltero de Hulle et heredibus suis reverti deberent, post mortem eorundem Thome et Johannis prefato capellano remaneant. Tenenda sibi et successoribus suis in forma predicta, imperpetuum, &c. Fol. 325.

Datum apud Evercrich tertio die mensis Augusti anno Domini

millesimo cccmo quadragesimo octavo et consecrationis nostre decimo nono.

2040. Know present and to come that we, Ralph, by divine permission, bishop of Bath and Wells, have granted, and by this our present charter have confirmed to Thomas Hanam and Isabella, his wife, and to the heirs of the body of the said Thomas, lawfully begotten, 40 acres of our waste in Northbarwe, in our manor of Cheddre. To have and to hold, &c., of us and our successors by hereditary right for ever. Paying to us, and to our successors, 40*s*. annually, &c. And if it happen that the said Thomas shall die without heir of his body lawfully begotten the said 40 acres shall fully revert to us and to our successors.

Hiis testibus. Waltero de Pavely, Waltero de Rodenegh, militibus, Elya de Corscombe, Johanne de Langedon, Johanne de Coker, Johanne de Egmundon, Willelmo Fitz Walter et aliis.

Evercrich, on the feast of the Assumption of the B. Virgin Mary. 22 Edw. iii.

2041. xi Kal., Sept., A.D. 1348, at Evercrich. The lord instituted Nicholas de Stanlake, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Kynemeresdon [vacant] by the resignation of John de Upton, by reason of exchange for the vicarage of Stretle, diocese of Salisbury.

2042. Same day and place. The lord conferred the vicarage of Stretle, diocese of Salisbury on John de Upton, priest, [vacant] by the resignation of Nicholas de Stanlake, by reason of exchange for the vicarage of Kynemeresdon, and instituted him as perpetual vicar in the same, by virtue of a commission of Robert, bishop of Salisbury.

Bishop Ralph to Robert, bishop of Salisbury. We have received your letters of commission in these words. Robert, bishop of Salisbury, to Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, greeting, &c., John de Upton, vicar of Kynemeresdon, of your diocese, and Nicholas de Stanlake, vicar of Stretle, of our diocese, and

pertaining to our collation, propose to exchange benefices. We commit our offices to you. Poterne, iii Kal., Aug., A.D. 1348.

We have instituted the said John.

Evercrich, xi Kal., Sept., A.D. above.

2043. Bishop Ralph to the archdeacon of Wells, or his official, and also to all abbots, priors, rural deans, rectors of churches, vicars and parish chaplains throughout the said archdeaconry.

Omnipotens Deus de cujus trono precedunt tronitrua et fulgura aliaque flagella quibus filios quos recipit flagellare disponit, &c. Unde quia clades pestilencialis hujusmodi a plaga orientali ad vicina regna pervenit timendum est valde, timendum est valde ac devote et incessanter orandum, ne ad incolas hujus regni pestilencia hujusmodi suam propaginem venenosam extendat ipsosque percuciat et consumat. Quocirca vobis et cuilibet vestrum firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus singuli vestrum presens mandatum in vestris ecclesiis temporibus oportunis exponatis publice in vulgari, vestrosque subditos regulares et seculares parochianos et alios exhortemini seu faciatis per alios exhortari in visceribus Christi Iehsu, ad preoccupandum Faciem Domini in confessione et in psalmis et aliis operibus caritatis Mementote siquidem quibus fuit prophetico oraculo digne pre-nunciata subversio, penitenciam agentes, fuerunt ab exterminio comminato Dei judicio misericorditer liberati, dixerunt enim "Quis scit si convertatur et ignoscat Deus, et revertatur a furore ire sue et non peribimus" et sequitur ibi, et vidit Deus opera eorum, quia, conversi sunt de via sua mala, et misertus est Deus eorum sicque benignissimus Dominus iram in mansuetudinem, interitum in duracionem exterminium in vita, subversionem in conversione, penitenti populo, pie ac salubriter commutavit; set hominibus obstinatis et populo duri cordis nolentibus penitere versa vice fuit sicut veteribus probatur historiis de Pharaone et quinque civitatibus Sodomorum et aliis qui propter finalem in-penitenciam eternaliter perierunt. Processiones ac staciones in singulis collegiatis, regularibus, et parochialibus ecclesiis saltem singulis sextis feriis fieri faciatis in quibus populum inducatis, quod ante oculos divine misericordie humiliter provoluti de peccatis suis contereantur et peniteant, ac ea devotis obsequiis non omittant cicius expiare, ut misericordie Dei nos cito anticipen et

avertat a populo suo hujusmodi pestilenciam et aliorum premissorum duriciam flagellorum, et Catholicis regnis pacem, aeremque salubrem pro sua pietate concedat inter alia si placet, dicentes illud Psalmi. "Ne memineris iniquitatum nostrarum, cito anticipent, nos misericordie tue,", &c.

Evercrich xvi Kal., Sept., A.D. 1348.

Fol. 326. Like letters of the same tenour and of the same date were directed to the dean of Wells, the archdeacons of Bath and Taunton, and their officials, and to the keeper of the jurisdiction of Glaston.

2044. viii Kal., Sept., year above, at Evercrich. The lord committed his offices to Master Stephen de Ledebury, dean of Hereford, in the matter of exchange between Roger Tylie, vicar of Maddelegh, diocese of Hereford, and William Laurence, rector of Uppehulle.

2045. Kal., Sept., year above, at Evercrich. The lord conferred the prebend of Compton Episcopi on Master John de Carleton, canon of Wells, [vacant] by the resignation of Master Gilbert de Bruera by reason of exchange with the prebend of Haselbere.

Same day and place. The lord conferred the prebend of Haselbere on Master Gilbert de Bruera, canon of Wells [vacant] by the resignation of Master John de Carleton by reason of exchange with the prebend of Compton Episcopi.

Hic mutatur annus consecrationis domini R. episcopi.

2046. iii Non., Sept., A.D. 1348, at Evercrich, The lord dispensed with Master Robert de Gulden, rector of Whatelegh, deacon, that he may study at Oxford for a year.

2047. iv Id., Oct., year above, at Claverton. The lord admitted Robert de Newenham, acolyte, to the church of Nony, at the presentation of William de Colford.

Same day and place. Letters dimissory for the same Robert to all holy orders.

2048. xiii Kal., Nov., year above, at Claverton. The lord confirmed the election of Agnes Balun, nun, of Nuns Barwe, as prioress of the same monastery.

2049. iii Kal., Nov., year above, at Claverton. The lord admitted John Cayron, of Hulle, deacon, to the parish church of Penne Dommere at the presentation of John Dummere.

2050. Licence by Bishop Ralph for Walter de Hulle, archdeacon of Bath, to give and assign 4 messuages in Wells, to a chaplain to celebrate divine services every day to the honour of the B. Virgin and for the souls of the said Walter and Sir Walter de Romeseye, knight, son and heir of Sir John de Romeseye, knight, deceased, and for the soul of the bishop, and of Master John de Carleton, canon of Wells, &c., and also to distribute alms. Also the said Walter can grant 2 messuages in Wells and a messuage in Woky, at Zerdlegh, which Thomas de Milverton, vicar of Woky, holds for life [&c., as in the charter on p. 553].
Evercrich, 3 Aug., A.D. 1348.

2051. vi Id., Nov., year above, at Wyvelscomb. The lord admitted Nicholas Beket, acolyte, to the church of Saltford at the presentation of Walter de Rodeneye, knight.

2052. iij Id., Nov., year above, at Wyvelescomb. The lord admitted Adam de Stonton, priest, to the chantry of the Holy Ghost in the parish of Cherleton Adam at the presentation of Humphry de Kayel.

2053. ij Id., Nov., year above, at Wyvelescomb. The lord directed his letters to the archdeacon of Wells to induct Roger Tylie or his proxy into possession of the church of Uppehulle, of his diocese, by reason of exchange for the vicarage of the parish church of Maddelegh, diocese of Hereford.

2054. Same day and place. The lord instituted John Saunctus, priest, to the vicarage of the prebendal church of Estone at the presentation of William de Selton, canon of Wells, and prebendary of Estone.

2055. xv Kal., Dec., year above, at Welyngton. The lord instituted Hugh de Risingdone, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Jevele at the presentation of John de Risingdone, rector of the church of Jevele.

Fol. 327. 2056. Composition between Sir Walter de la More, rector of the church of Exeford, diocese of Bath and Wells, and the abbot and convent of Neeth, diocese of Landaf, holding the manor of Exeford and other lands and places in the parish of Exeford appropriated to their proper uses, concerning tithes.

At Briggewater, in the parish church, on Friday next after the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, A.D. 1348, it was settled in this manner. The abbot and convent shall take for ever all the greater tithes of their demesne lands in the said parish which they cultivate at their own costs or let to others. But as often as it shall happen that 3 acres or more of the lands of the said religious men, commonly called the Schouele, are cultivated the rector of the said church shall take 12*d.* in the name of tithes annually during the culture of the said 3 acres. If less than 3 acres shall be cultivated the rector shall take nothing therefrom except the tithes issuing from one acre of land called the Schouele which lies next the house of Walter le Salter. The rector shall take all small tithes issuing from the beasts of the religious men in their lands at Exeford and Alschaue and within the boundaries of the said parish, and we, Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, confirm this agreement.

Wyvelescomb, iv Id., Nov., A.D. 1348.

2057. xiii Kal., Dec., A.D. 1348, at Wyvelescomb. The lord admitted John Wydlefur, priest, to the parish church of Elme, resignation being first made by him of the perpetual chantry of St. Katherine in the parish of Frome, at the presentation of William de Portbrefe.

2058. xii Kal., Dec., year above, at Wyvelescomb. The lord instituted Richard de Pilisdoune, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Evercrich at the presentation of the prior and brethren of the hospital of St. John of Wells.

2059. x Kal., Dec., year above, at Wyvelscomb. The lord by the Apostolic authority conferred the vicarage of the parish church of Brugewater on Richard de Exebrugge, a poor clerk, acolyte, at the presentation of the master and brethren of the hospital of St. John of Brugewater.

2060. vi Kal., Dec., year above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord admitted John de Malteby, priest, to the parish church of Westcoker [vacant] by the resignation of Gregory de Halberton, the last rector, by reason of exchange for the vicarage of the church of Clifton, diocese of Exeter, at the presentation of Sir Hugh de Courtenay.

Same day and place. The lord admitted Gregory de Halberton to the vicarage of the church of Clifton, diocese of Exeter [vacant] by the resignation of John de Malteby by reason of exchange, as above, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Totton, and instituted him in the same.

2061. v Kal., Dec., year above, at Wyvelscomb. The lord by the Apostolic authority conferred the vicarage of the parish church of Clyvedon, which pertains to the presentation of the abbot and convent of the monastery of St. Augustine near Bristol, on John Wyllynge, of Jatton, a poor clerk.

2062. iv Non., Dec., year above. Stephen Trippe, canon of Wells, subsecutor deputed by Bishop Ralph, by the Apostolic authority conferred the vicarage of the parish church of Lenge on Thomas Le Touke, of Buddeclegh, a poor clerk, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Athelneye, and instituted him in the same.

2063. iii Non., Dec., year above, at Wyvelscomb. The lord instituted Stephen de Kynardeslegh, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Castelcary at the presentation of the priory and chapter of Bath.

2064. Day before Non., Dec., year above, at Wyvelescombe. Fol. 328.

The lord instituted William Pirow, priest, to the parish church of Stoke Pyrow at the presentation of John Pirow.

2065. viij Id., Dec., year above, at Wyvelescomb. The lord instituted Walter de Leggh, priest, to the parish church of Almondesforde at the presentation of Richard Lovel, lord of Castelcary.

2066. iv Id., Dec., year above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord received the profession of John de Eggesworthe, priest, thus: I, John de Eggesworthe, priest, do promise perpetual stability of morals, chastity, the denial of all impiety, and that I will observe the rule in the house of St. Katherine near Bristol, and will lead my life according to the requirements of the rule. I also swear that I will be obedient to the bishop and to my superiors in the said order in the canons and lawful commands, and I will observe all things which the other brethren in the said house are bound to do.

Same day and place. The lord instituted the same John de Eggesworth, priest, to the hospital of St. Katherine near Bristol, to which he was presented by Thomas, lord de Berkele.

That oath was taken by the said John, at Wyvelscomb, in the chamber of the said father.

Present, Sir John de Risingdon, rector of Jevele, John Dommere, Robert Slo, and J. de Okle, clerks.

2067. ij Id., Dec., year above, at Wyvelscomb.

The lord admitted Thomas Provincial, acolyte, to the parish church of Wolfryngton at the presentation of John Torney.

2068. Id., Dec., year above, at Wyvelscomb. The lord admitted John de Cammel, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Woky at the presentation of William de Lavyngton, subdean of Wells. Master Walter de Hulle, archdeacon of Bath and the official of the jurisdiction of Welyngton and Cherde to induct.

2069. Same day and place. The lord instituted John Markwille, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Kynemersdon at the presentation of Philip de Thame, prior of St. John of Jerusalem in England.

2070. Same day and place. The lord instituted John de Temedebury, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Modeford at the presentation of Henry de Fuiham, canon of Wells, and perpetual *firmarius* of the church of Modeford.

2071. xix Kal., Jan., year above, at Wyvelescombe.
The lord instituted Richard de Molyns, holding the first tonsure, to the parish church of Lymyngton, at the presentation of Margaret, relict of John de Bello Campo of Somerset.

2072. xix Kal., Jan., A.D. 1348–[9], at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted Richard de Chaddeslee, holding the first tonsure, to the parish church of Odecombe in the person of Hugh de Aspal, his proxy, at the presentation of the lord William de Monte Acuto the patron this time by the King's grant.

2073. xviij Kal., Jan., year above, at Wyvelscomb. The lord instituted John de Bury, subdeacon, to the parish church of Whatelegh at the presentation of Oliver de Cervyngton.

2074. Same day and place. The lord instituted Walter, called Frensch, priest, to the parish church of Porttesheved at the presentation of Thomas de Halle.

2075. xvij Kal., Jan., year above, at Wyvelscomb. The lord conferred the parish church of Weston super Mare on John Power, acolyte, pertaining to his collation.

2076. xvi Kal., Jan., year above, at Wyvelscomb. The lord instituted Thomas Dany, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Cloford at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Keynesham.

2077. Same day and place. The lord instituted John de Bradeford, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Aschton

near Bristol, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bath.

2078. xv Kal., Jan., year above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord admitted John Pers, of Honespull, priest, to the perpetual chantry in the chapel of Wolavyngton vacant by the death of Sir Hugh Hodd, at the presentation of Thomas Tryvet, of Durburgh, and instituted him as perpetual chaplain in the same.

2079. xiv Kal., Jan., year above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord admitted Thomas Knyght, chaplain, to the perpetual chantry of the chapel in the church of the B. Mary of Lymyngton, vacant by the death of William Le Massoun, at the presentation of Henry Pouwer, and instituted him as perpetual chaplain in the same.

2080. Same day and place. The lord instituted Nicholas Kanyngge, priest, to the church of Foxcote at the presentation of Thomas de Kyngeston.

2081. xij Kal., Jan., year above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted William Forthered, priest, to the vicarage of the church of Stokeland Gaunt at the presentation of the master of the house of St. Mark, of Billeswyke, near Bristol, diocese of Worcester.

Fol. 329. 2082. Same day and place. The lord instituted Robert de Penkerigge, priest, to the perpetual chantry in the church of Est Coker at the presentation of Hugh de Courtenay, earl of Devon.

2083. Same day and place. The lord instituted William Purchas, of Kynemersdone, otherwise called Palmer, chaplain, to the perpetual chantry in the cathedral church of Wells, vacant by death of Sir Stephen de Kyngeston, at the presentation of Walter de London, dean of Wells, and the chapter of the same place.

2084. Same day and place. The lord, by the Apostolic authority, conferred on Robert Snaylham, a poor clerk, the vicarage of the

parish church of Were which pertains to the presentation of the abbot and convent of St. Augustine near Bristol.

2085. xi Kal., Jan., year above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted Michael de Greynton, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Kywesstoke at the presentation of the prior and canons of Worsprynge.

2086. Same day and place. The lord conferred the vicarage of the parish church of Cotecombe on Roger, called Boreford, a poor clerk, by the Apostolic authority, which pertains to the presentation of the prior and convent of Bruton.

2087. x Kal., Jan., y. above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted Richard Le Pyl, having the first tonsure, to the perpetual chantry in the cemetery of the B. Mary, of Cruke, at the presentation of Hugh de Courtenaye, earl of Devon.

2088. ix Kal., Jan., year above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord, by the Apostolic authority, conferred the vicarage of the parish church of South Pederton on Robert de Scheterne, called Taillour, a poor clerk, which pertains to the presentation of the prior and convent of Bruyton. The dean of Cruk, rector of Crich, the perpetual vicar of Mertoke, and Robert Calne, priest, or one of them to induct.

2089. viij Kal., Jan., year above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted Nicholas de Schynynfeld, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Cheddre at the presentation of Master John de Wamberge, canon of Wells, and perpetual *firmarius* of the church of Cheddre.

2090. vi Kal., Jan., year above. The lord instituted Nicholas de Tanton, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Brompton Regis at the presentation of the prior and convent of Berliz.

2091. iv Kal., Jan., year above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted William Marchal, priest, to the vicarage of the church

of Tykenham at the presentation of the abbot and convent of St. Augustine near Bristol.

2092. Same day and place. The lord by the Apostolic authority conferred the vicarage of the parish church of Aisshcote on Robert Oversee, a poor clerk of the diocese of Hereford, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glaston.

2093. iij Kal., Jan., year above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted John Le Hayward, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Worle at the presentation of the prior and canons of Worsprynge.

2094. Kal., Jan., year above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted John de Wyteknyt, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Jevele at the presentation of Sir John de Risyngdon, rector of the church of Jevele.

2095. Same day and place. The lord instituted Walter de Haulo, clerk, to the parish church of Orchard at the presentation of William, bishop of Winchester, by reason of the custody of the lands and heir of Thomas de Orchard.

2096. iij Non., Jan. The lord instituted Nicholas Craas, priest, to the parish church of Hardyngton at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Keynesham.

2097. Same day and place. The lord instituted Richard Hode, chaplain, to the vicarage of the parish church of Wemedon at the presentation of the master and brethren of the hospital of St. John of Bruggeswalter.

2098. Same day and place. The lord instituted Richard de Leghe, priest, to the parish church of Halton at the presentation of William de Botreaux, knight.

2099. Same day and place. The lord admitted and instituted Ralph Mareschal, priest, to the church of Thurlokeston vacant by the resignation of Reginald Mareschal, the last rector, by reason of exchange for the perpetual chantry of Santford,

diocese of Winchester, at the presentation of the archdeacon of Taunton.

2100. ij Non., Jan., year above. The lord instituted John de Elmelegh, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Keynesham at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Keynesham.

2101. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph. Fol. 330.

You and the other prelates and the clergy of your diocese granted us in aid of certain arduous affairs and for the expedition of our wars, in the last convocation in the church of St. Paul, London, a tenth of your and their ecclesiastical goods and benefices for two years. We order you to assign trustworthy men to levy the said tenth for the first year.

Witness, Lionel, our dearest son, keeper of England, at Redyng, 14 May, in the 21st year of our reign.

2102. Bishop Ralph to the treasurer and barons of the Exchequer.

We have appointed brother Walter, abbot of Glaston, as collector in our diocese.

Wyvelscomb, 19 June, A.D. 1347.

2103. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

We command you, as heretofore, that you have 2 marks which you caused to be made from the goods of Thomas de Haselschawe, parson of the church of Chiw, and which you withhold, before our justices at Westminster in three weeks from the day of St. Michael, to render to the prior of Bath for arrears of an annual rent of 10 marks which a certain prior of Bath recovered in the court of King Edward, our father, in the 17th year of his reign, against Master Adam de Burlegh, then parson of the church of Chiw, to be taken from the church of Chiw. Also cause 13 marks to be made from the ecclesiastical goods of the said Thomas to render to the said prior in respect of the said arrears.

Witness, J. de Stonore, at Westminster, 16th June, in the 21st year of our reign.

2104. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

Know that John de Dynham recovered his presentation to the church of Corfton in our court. Admit a fit parson at the presentation of the said John.

Witness, J. de Stonore, at Westminster, 10 July, in the 21st year of our reign.

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2105. Richard Rokebere, late vicar of the church of Kyngeston, acknowledged that he owed 200*li.* to Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells.

Witness, the keeper of England, at Abyngdon, 27 Sept., 21 Edw. iii.

2106. Bishop Ralph to the abbot of Glaston.

We commit our offices to you to collect the biennial tenth.

Wyvelscomb, vij Kal., June, A.D. 1347.

2107. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

Certify the treasurer and barons of our Exchequer of the names of those whom you have thought fit to appoint to collect the biennial tenth for the first year in your diocese.

Witness, R. de Sadyngton, at Westminster, 9 Nov., in the 21st year of our reign.

2108. [1]Summons for Bishop Ralph to attend the Parliament at Westminster on the morrow of St. Hilary next.

Teste at Westminster, 13 Nov., 21 Edw. iii.

Printed in Dugdale's "Summonses to Parliament," p. 230.

2109. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

Fol. 331. Cause William de Elmyngdon, parson of the church of Seveburgh, your clerk, to come before our justices at Westminster on the quindene of St. Hilary to answer to Robert Lymberner, of Schirborne, and Cristina his wife, of a plea that he render to them 60*s.*

Witness, J. de Stonore, at Westminster, 30 Oct., in the 21st year of our reign.

[1] Breve de veniendo ad Parliamentum.

2110. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

Cause John de Uphulle, parson of the church of Camerlarton, clerk, to come before our justices to answer to the abbot of Glaston of a plea that he render to him *66s. 8d.*

Witness, J. de Stonore, at Westminster, 15 Nov., in the 21st year of our reign.

2111. The King's writ [to Bishop Ralph].

We prohibit that you admit a parson to the church of Wondestre which is vacant, concerning the advowson of which contention is moved in our court between John, son of Odo de Acton, and Edmund de Clyvedon, knight.

Witness, ourself, at Westminster, 20 Jan., in the 21st year of our reign.

2112. The King's writ [to Bishop Ralph].

We prohibit that you admit a parson to the church of Wondestre which is vacant, concerning the advowson of which contention is moved in our court between Edmund de Clyvedon and John de Acton.

Witness, ourself, at Westminster, 18 Jan., in the 21st year of our reign.

2113. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

Wishing to be certified whether our beloved clerk John de Copham lately presented by us to you to the church of Schepton Beauchamp has been admitted and instituted or not, we command you that when you have searched your register you certify us of what you happen to find therein.

Witness, ourself, at Westminster, 20 Feb., in the 22nd year of our reign.

[Return.] John de Copham was admitted to the church of Schepton Beauchamp and instituted at your presentation by reason of the minority of J. de Beauchamp, 17th day of this month of Feb.

2114. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph summoning him to attend the Parliament at Westminster on Monday next after the Sunday in Mid Lent next.

Teste at Westminster, 10 Feb., in the 22nd year of our reign.

[This writ is printed in full in Dugdale's "Summonses to Parliament," p. 232, under date 13 Feb., directed to the archbishop of Canterbury. But on Close Roll 22 Edw. iii, part 1, m. 32, from which Dugdale prints, the date is 14 Feb.]

2115. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

Pope John xxii reserved the first fruits of certain vacant benefices in England to himself for four years and he granted a moiety to us for our very urgent affairs, and 50*li.* of the arrears of the same fruits for the second year of the said reservation in respect of the deanery of Wells for our said moiety are yet in arrear. Distrain the dean.

Witness, R. de Sadyngton, at Westminster, 3 March, in the 22nd year of our reign.

[Certificate.] We have caused Walter de London, now dean of Wells, to be distrained by sequestration of his ecclesiastical goods to the value of 100*s.* that he be before the barons of the Exchequer at the day and place contained in the writ. Richard de Bury was dean of Wells in the second year of the said reservation.

[The writ is crossed through with the pen.]

2116. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

We prohibit you that you admit a parson to the church of Nony which is vacant, concerning the advowson of which contention is moved in our court between William de Colford and Lawrence de Monte Forti, chivaler.

Witness, ourself, at Westminster, 3 May, in the 22nd year of our reign.

2117. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

Edmund de Clyvedon, knight, recovered his presentation to the church of Wondestre against John, son of Odo de Acton. Admit a fit person at the presentation of the said Edmund.

Witness, J. de Stonore, at Westminster, 23 May, in the 22nd year of our reign.

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2118. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph. Fol. 332

Cause William de Aisshelegh, late vicar of the church of Wynnesforde, to come before our justices on the octaves of Holy Trinity to answer to Henry de Horslegh of a plea that he render to him 22*li.*

Witness, J. de Stonore, at Westminster, 16 May, in the 22nd year of our reign.

2119. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

Know that we have given power to you to receive the attornies of Lawrence de Monte Forti, knight, whom he shall wish to attorn before you in his place in a suit before the justices of the Bench between Elizabeth who was the wife of John de Monte Forti and the said Lawrence for that he permit the said Elizabeth to present a fit parson to the church of Nony. Certify us of the names of the attornies.

Witness, ourself, at Westminster, 10 June, in the 22nd year of our reign.

[Certificate.] Lawrence de Monte Forti has attorned in his place Robert Foulour, William de Henyngdon or Thomas Sprot.

2120. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

We prohibit you that you admit a parson to the church of Nony which is vacant concerning the advowson of which contention is moved between Elizabeth who was the wife of John de Monte Forti and Lawrence de Monte Forti, knight.

Witness, ourself, at Westminster, 7 June, in the 22nd year of our reign.

2121. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

We have often written to you to cause the money of the second year of the biennial tenth to be levied, about which you have been lukewarm and remiss, at which we wonder. We command you that, thinking over the arduousness of affairs, you cause all money to be collected in your diocese so that it may be answered for at our Exchequer on the quindene of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist next.

Witness, ourself, at Westminster, 8 June, in the 22nd year of our reign.

2122. [1]Bishop Ralph to the King.

We received your command on the last day of June (as above) by reason of which we ordered the abbot of Glaston under heavy pains and censures that he cause the money to be collected and levied, and to be answered at your Exchequer at the term assigned in the said writ.

Pokelchurche, last day of June, A.D. 1348.

2123. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

We prohibit you that you admit a parson to the church of Nony which is vacant, concerning the advowson of which contention is moved between Elizabeth, who was the wife of John de Monteforti and Lawrence de Monteforti, knight.

Witness ourself, at Westminster, 17 July, in the 22nd year of our reign.

2124. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

William de Colford has recovered his presentation against Lawrence de Monte Forti to the church of Nony, in our court, admit a fit parson at the presentation of the said William.

Witness, J. de Stonore, at Westminster, 11 July, in the 22nd year of our reign.

2125. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

It is shown to us on the behalf of William de Colford that whereas he recovered his presentation to the church of Nony, and it was commanded to you to admit a fit person, Elizabeth, who was the wife of John de Monte Forti fraudulently designing to hinder the execution of the said judgment, has procured prohibitions that you do not admit a parson, by virtue of which prohibitions you have put off the presentation of the said William to the no small damage and manifest danger of the disherison of the said William. We, unwilling that the execution of the judgment should be retarded by such prohibitions made and obtained by fraud, command you that you admit a fit person at

[1] Certificate of the said writ for the tenth.

the presentation of the said William notwithstanding our said prohibitions.

Witness, ourself, at Westminster, 1 Sept., in the 22nd year of our reign.

Another writ in the same words.

Witness, ourself, at Westminster, 21 Sept., in the 22nd year of our reign.

2126. Writ to Bishop Ralph to pray for the King, and those about to set out with him for the defence of the church and his kingdom. Fol. 333.

Witness, ourself, at Westminster, 25 Oct., in the 22nd year of our reign.

2127. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph summoning him to attend the Parliament at Westminster on Monday next after the feast of St. Hilary next.

Teste at Westminster, 20 Nov., 22 Edw. iii.

[Printed in Dugdale's "Summonses to Parliament," p. 234.]

2128. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

We prohibit you that you admit a parson to the church of Portesheued which is vacant, concerning the advowson of which contention is moved in our court between Thomas, son of Maurice de Berkele, knight, and Thomas atte Hulle, of Bradeford.

Witness, ourself, at Westminster, 12 Dec., in the 22nd year of our reign.

2129. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

We prohibit you that you admit a parson to the church of Loxton, concerning the advowson of which contention is moved in our court between Alina, who was the wife of Edward Burnel and Robert de Weylonde.

Witness, ourself, at Westminster, 13 Dec., in the 22nd year of our reign.

2130. Mandate of Bishop Ralph concerning confessions during the time of the plague.

Dated at Wyvelescombe, iv Id, Jan., A.D. 1348.
[Printed in Wilkins's "Concilia," vol. 2, p. 745.]

Fol. 334. 2131. Non., Jan., year above, at Wyvelescomb. The lord instituted Richard Herynge to the church of St. Mary the greater, of Ieuelcestre, pertaining to the presentation.

2132. vi Id., Jan., year above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted John Turke, priest to the vicarage of the church of Staunton Drew at the presentation of Walter de Hulle, archdeacon of Bath.

2133. v Id., Jan., year above, at Wyvelescomb. The lord instituted Walter de Godhurste, priest, to the church of Godhurste at the presentation of Walter de Godhurste.

2134. Same day and place. The lord instituted William Pyrow, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Forde juxta Bath at the presentation of the prior and chapter of Bath.

2135. Same day and place. The lord instituted Adam Byke, chaplain, to the church of Stoke Pyrou, vacant by the resignation of Sir William Pyrou, the late rector there, at the presentation of John Pyrou.

2136. iv Id., Jan., year above at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted Ralph Boye, of Bath, priest, to the vicarage of Batheneston juxta Bath at the presentation of the prior and chapter of Bath.

2137. Same day and place. The lord instituted William le Vynour to the vicarage of Hampton juxta Bath at the presentation of the prior and chapter of Bath.

2138. Same day and place. The lord instituted William le Fewelere, of Dudmerton, priest, to the vicarage of Weston juxta Bath at the presentation of the prior and chapter of Bath.

2139. Same day and place. The lord instituted William Thykke, priest, to the parish church of Holecombe at the

presentation of Nicholas, the abbot, and the convent of Keynisham.

2140. Same day and place. The lord instituted Nicholas Wychwane, priest, the vicarage of the parish church of Cloford at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Keynisham.

2141. iij Id., Jan., at Wyvelescomb. The lord instituted John de Naketon, chaplain, to the vicarage of Montacute, of the patronage of the prior of Montacute, an alien, at the presentation of William de Monte Acuto, earl of Salisbury, by the King's grant by reason of the war.

2142. ij Id., Jan., at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted William Wodeford, priest, to the perpetual chantry of Lytescary at the presentation of his beloved daughter in Christ, Agnes, who was the wife of Peter de Lyt.

2143. Same day and place. The lord instituted William Wysman, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Nyghenhyde at the presentation of the prior and convent of Taunton.

2144. Bishop Ralph to the King.

Because we are hindered by weakness of body and other lawful impediments by which we cannot give our personal presence in your Parliament to be held at Westminster on Monday next after the feast of St. Hilary next to come, we constitute masters John de Sancto Paulo, John de Carleton and Sir John de Wynewyke, canon of Wells, our proxies to treat with you and the other prelates, great men and peers upon great and arduous affairs between certain faithful men of yours on your behalf, and certain great men and others on the behalf of the count and people of Flanders at Calais.

Wyvelescombe, iij Id., Jan., A.D. 1348.

2145. Id., Jan., year above, at Wyvelescomb. The lord instituted John Bonswayn, priest, to the church of Kyngesdon, at the presentation of Robert Gyene, burgess of Bristol.

2146. Same day and place. The lord instituted Robert Geffray, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Worle at the presentation of the prior and canons of Worspring.

Fol. 335. 2147. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph informing him of the prorogation of the Parliament summoned to meet at Westminster on Monday next after the feast of St. Hilary next till the quindene of Easter next, on account of the plague. "Quia tamen subit plaga pestilencie mortalis et loco predicto et aliis partibus circumvicinis adeo indies invalescit, quod de securo accessu hominum ad locum illum formidatur admodum hiis diebus, et provide, ac etiam certas causas evidentes Parliamentum predictum usque ad quindenam Pasche proximo futuram duximus prorogandum."

Teste at Westminster, 1 Jan., 22 Edw. iii.

2148. Id., Jan., year above. The lord instituted Solomon de la Ryxen, priest, to the chantry of Wemedon at the presentation of John Mareschal and Matilda formerly the wife of Richard Wygebery.

2149. Same day and place. The lord instituted Roger de Sitheston, priest, to the church of Babyngton at the presentation of Isabella formerly the wife of Reginald de Botreaux.

2150. xix Kal., Feb., at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted William de Weston, chaplain, to the parish church of Netilcombe at the presentation of John de Ralegh, knight, lord of Netilcomb.

2151. xvii Kal., Feb., at Wyvelescomb. The lord instituted William Joye, clerk, to the church of Rowebergh at the presentation of the abbot and convent of St. Augustine near Bristol.

2152. Day, place and year beforewritten. The lord instituted Henry, called Thommes, chaplain, to the parish church of Horsington at the presentation of Ralph Russel.

2153. xvi Kal., Feb., year above, at Wyvelescomb. The lord instituted Stephen de Chitterne, chaplain, to the parish church of Hardyngton at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Keynesham.

2154. xv Kal., Feb., year above, at Wyvelescomb. The lord instituted John Savery, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Batheneston at the presentation of the prior and chapter of Bath.

2155. Same day and place. The lord instituted Richard atte Mulle, of Payneswyk, priest, to the vicarage of the prebendal church of Estone at the presentation of William de Seltone canon of Wells, and prebendary of Estone.

2156. xiij Kal., Feb., at Wyvelescomb. The lord admitted John de Eggesworth, priest, as master of the hospital of St. Katherine near Bristol. Present, John de Rysingdon and John de Domore. At the presentation of Thomas, lord de Berkle, and instituted him in the same.

2157. xii Kal., Feb., year above, The lord instituted John Rodenay, a poor priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Doultyng at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glaston.

2158. xi Kal., Feb., year above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted Thomas de Faryngdon, priest, to the second chantry for the soul of Henry Huse, formerly dean of Wells, at the presentation of the dean and chapter of Wells.

2159. Same day and place. The lord instituted Henry Squyrel, of Wedmor, chaplain, to the vicarage of the parish church of St. Michael, of Twyverton, at the presentation of the prior, and convent of Kyngton.

2160. ix Kal., Feb., year above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted John de Byngham, acolyte, to the parish church of Sutton Byngham at the presentation of William de Byngham.

2161. vij Kal., Feb., year above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted Roger Peede, of Ivelcester, chaplain, to the vicarage of the parish church of Northoure at the presentation of the master and brethren of the hospital of St. John the Baptist, of Bruggewater.

2162. Same day and place. The lord instituted John de Tetteborne, clerk, to the parish church of Middelchynnok at the presentation of William de Umframvyle, knight.

Fol. 336. 2163. x Kal., Feb., year above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted Master John de London, canon of Wells, to the parish church of Obeleygh at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Keynesham.

2164. Same day and place. The lord instituted John Pouwer, acolyte, to the church of St. Nicholas, of Northbarwe, at the presentation of Isabella who was the wife of James Lovel.

2165. Same day and place. The lord instituted John Welewyke, to the parish church of Horsyngton at the presentation of Ralph Russel.

2166. iv Kal., Feb., year above, Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted William de Schurchulle, priest, to the church of Spartegrave at the presentation of Elizabeth who was the wife of Ralph Saunt Zavoir.

2167. Same day and place. The lord instituted William Boter to the vicarage of the church of Jevele at the presentation of John de Rysyngdon rector of the church of Jevele.

2168. Same day and place. The lord instituted Nicholas de Fyskerton, priest, to the vicarage of the church of Chyuton at the presentation of the King this time by reason of the lands and tenements of the convent of Jumiege, holding the said church to their proper uses, being in the King's hands.

2169. ii Kal., Feb., year above, at Wyvelyscombe. The lord conferred on William Cammel the canonry and prebend in his church of Wells which Walter le Wyte held.

Same day and place. The lord conferred on the same William the succentory of the church of Wells, Walter de Hulle, commissary general to induct.

2170. Same day and place. The lord instituted William Bere, clerk, to the parish church of Compton Paunsevot at the presentation of William de Lutleton, canon of Wells.

2171. Same day and place. The lord instituted William Martyn, priest, to the vicarage of the prebendal church of St. Andrew the Apostle, of Clyve, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Clyve.

2172. Same day, &c. The lord instituted Thomas Dare, a poor clerk, to the vicarage of the parish church of Doultyng at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glaston.

2173. iij Id., Feb., A.D. 1348. The will of John Derby, (approved first before the official of the archdeacon of Wells) was proved before the bishop, and administration was committed to John Derby, vicar of Frome.

2174. ii Non., Feb., A.D. 1348, at Wyvelyscombe. The lord instituted John Berevile, priest, to the parish church of Chafcombe at the presentation of Idonia de Bello Campo, lady of Chafcombe.

2175. Same day, &c. The lord instituted William Redmor to the church of Hethfeld at the presentation of brother Philip de Thame prior of the hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England.

2176. ij Non., Feb., year and place above. The lord instituted John Markis, priest, to the vicarage of Worle at the presentation of the prior and canons of Worspring.

2177. Same day and place. The lord instituted Nicholas Manschip, priest, to the church of Stoke Pyroun at the presentation of John Pyroun.

2178. Non., Feb., at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted John de London, priest, to the church of Egforton at the presentation of William de Molendinis.

2179. Same day and place. The lord instituted John Horn, deacon, to the vicarage of the parish church of Wynescombe, at the presentation of Walter de London, dean of Wells.

2180. Same day and place. The lord conferred on John Pouwer the parish church of Jevelton, vacant by the free resignation of William de Cammel.

2181. viij Id., Feb., at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted William Hockedei to the church of Badialton at the presentation of Henry Badialton.

2182. Same day and place. The lord instituted John Stille, priest, to the chantry in the chapel of B. Mary joined to the parish church of Combeflory at the presentation of Simon de Meriet.

2183. Same day and place. The lord conferred the church of Henton St. George on Thomas Sydenale, clerk, at his presentation, and instituted him as rector.

2184. Same day and place. The lord instituted Simon de Barton, chaplain, to the church of Capelond at the presentation of Simon de Meriet.

2185. Same day and place. The lord instituted Richard de Brumpton, priest, to the church of Estlambroke at the presentation of Thomas de Bulton.

2186. Same day and place. The lord instituted Richard Scarle, chaplain, to the parish church of Kytenore at the presentation of John de Bracton.

2187. vij Id., Feb., at Wyvelescombe, The lord instituted John Pygon, priest, to the church of Westhulle at the presentation of Banastre (*sic*).

2188. Same day and place. The lord admitted John Croudon priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Cotecombe at the presentation of the religious men [the prior and convent of Bruton]. Fol. 337.

2189. Same day and place. The lord instituted Thomas de Somerton, chaplain, to the wardenship of the free chapel of St. Nicholas, of Stoke under Hamedon, at the presentation of Margery who was the wife of Sir John de Bello Campo of Somerset.

2190. vi Id., Feb., at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted Adam de Kilmersch, priest, to the perpetual vicarage of the prebendal church of Hestharpetre at the presentation of Henry de Harweden.

2191. iij Id., Feb., at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted Hugh Louegeer, priest, to the vicarage of Dulverton at the presentation of the prior and convent of Taunton.

2192. iij Id., Feb., at Wyvelescomb. The lord instituted William Le Buldens, clerk, to the church of Almondesford at the presentation of Richard Lovel.

2193. ij Id., Feb., at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted William Le Vygnur, priest, to the church of Donkurtone at the presentation of John de Poderton, lord of Donkurton.

2194. Same day and place. The lord instituted Thomas Syrman, chaplain, to the parish church of Cryket Thomas at the presentation of Elizabeth de Clyvedon.

2195. Same day and place. The lord instituted Thomas Balon, priest, to the church of Henton Bluet at the presentation of Matthew de Button.

2196. xv Kal., March, year above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted William Benet, priest, to the vicarage of the parish

church of Modeford at the presentation of Walter de London dean of Wells.

2197. xiij Kal., March, at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted William de Bonevyle, acolyte, to the church of Thorne at the presentation of William Coffyn.

2198. xij Kal., March, at Wyvelscomb. The lord instituted William atte Stone, priest, to the vicarage of the B. Mary Magdalen, of Taunton, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Taunton.

2199. Same day and place. The lord instituted Robert de Ayshwill to the vicarage of the parish church of Ilebrewere at the presentation of the master and brethren of the hospital of St. John the Baptist.

2200. Same day and place. The lord instituted Roger de Bermyngeham, otherwise called Notyngham, chaplain, to the vicarage of the parish church of Cherleton at the presentation of prior and convent of Kenilleworth.

2201. xi Kal., March, at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted John de Wondestree, priest, to the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Pultone vacant by the resignation of Robert de Wondestree.

2202. Same day and place. The lord instituted John Moone, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Estcammel at the presentation of William de Cammel *firmarius* of the same church.

2203. x Kal., March, at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted William de Hetherington, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of the Holy Cross, of Bristol, at the presentation of brother Philip de Thame, prior of St. John of Jerusalem in England.

2204. Same day and place. The lord confirmed the election of

Henry de Exton, as prior of the hospital of St. John, of Wells. Walter de Hulle, commissary general, to induct and install.

2205. vij Kal., March, at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted Nicholas Manschipe, priest, to the parish church of Treberge at the presentation of Ralph le Fithours.

2206. Same day and place. The lord instituted Martin Fitz Walter, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Wynesford at the presentation of the prior and convent of Berliz.

2207. Same day and place. The lord confirmed the election of brother John de Bradeford, canon of Keynesham, of the order of St. Victor, as abbot of the said monastery.

2208. vi Kal., March at Wyvelscombe. The lord instituted Reginald de Fardyngeston, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Northpederton at the presentation of brother Philip de Thame, prior of the hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England.

2209. Same day and place. The lord instituted John Seyat, of Harewell, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Northcory at the presentation of the dean of Wells.

2210. Same day and place. The lord instituted Adam de Hulle, priest, to the church of Rimpton at the presentation of William, bishop of Winchester.

2211. v Kal., March, place and year above. The lord admitted Adam Bayard, priest, to the church of Corscombe at the presentation of John de Palton, knight.

2212. iv Kal., March, year above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted John de Stoke, priest, to the church of Capelond at the presentation of Simon de Meriet. Fol. 338.

2213. Same day and place. The lord instituted John de Herdewyke, priest, to the vicarage of Bocland at the presentation of Robert de Clipston, canon of Wells and prebendary of Bocland Dynham.

2214. Same day and place. The lord instituted John Bole, priest, to the vicarage of Cherleton Adam at the presentation of Robert, the prior, and the convent of Bruton.

2215. Same day and place. The lord instituted Richard de Deene, clerk, to the archpresbitery of the church of Pokynton at the presentation of William de Monte Acuto, earl of Salisbury.

2216. ii Kal., March, year above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord William Edmund, of Brotforton, priest, to the church of St. Michael, of Burnet, at the presentation of Thomas, the abbot, and the convent of Toukisbury.

2217. Same day and place. The lord instituted John Fosse, priest, to the perpetual chantry for the soul of Gilbert de Wolavyngton in the parish church of Wolavyngton at the presentation of Thomas Tryvet.

2218. Kal., March, year above, at Wyvelyscombe. The lord instituted William de Wodeford, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Stokegummer at the presentation of the dean and chapter of Wells.

2219. v Non., March, year above, at Wyvelyscombe. The lord instituted Robert Meysy, priest, to the parish church of Brokton at the presentation of Richard Lovel by reason of the custody of Henry de Lysle under age the heir of Thomas de Lysle, his brother, deceased.

2220. Same day and place. The lord instituted John Kerwent, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Pennard at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glaston.

2221. iv Non., March, year above, at Wyvelyscombe. The lord instituted John Bodoly, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Bruggewater at the presentation of the master and brethren of the hospital of St. John the Baptist of Bruggewater.

2222. Same day and place. The lord instituted Alexander Lucas, holding the first tonsure, to the church of Odecombe, vacant by the resignation of Richard de Chadesle, to which he was presented by William de Monte Acuto, earl of Salisbury, by the King's grant by reason of the war between the King and Philip de Valesio.

4 March, A.D. 1348. Richard Chadesle, rector of the church of Coryryvel, took this oath before the bishop in his chamber, John de Rysyngdon, rector of the church of Jevele, and Robert Atte Sleo being present, and Alexander Lucas immediately after his admission to the church of Odecombe then and there took a like oath.

I, Richard de Chadesle, swear that if it happen that the said father be sued by reason of my admission to the church of Coryryvel, I will preserve him indemnified, and unless I shall preserve him indemnified I will resign the said church.

2223. Non., March, A.D. above, at Wyvelyscombe. The lord instituted Roger Canon, clerk, to the church of Kyngton at the presentation of Robert Fizt Payn.

2224. viii Id., March, place and year above. The lord instituted Ralph Damesel, clerk, to the church of Chelvey at the presentation of Richard de Acton.

2225. ii Id., March, year and place above. The lord instituted John de Oxton, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Ile Abbatis at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Muchylnye.

2226. v Id., March, year and place above. The lord admitted Stephen de Kynardyslygh, priest, to the perpetual chantry in the church of the B. Mary, of Lymington, at the presentation of Henry Power, chaplain.

2227. iv Id., March, year and place above. The lord instituted Roger Golde, priest, to the perpetual chantry in the

chapel of the Holy Ghost, of Charleton Adam at the presentation of William de Poulet.

2228. Same day and place. The lord instituted master Thomas de Bokenhulle to the church of Bledon at the presentation of William, bishop of Winchester.

2229. Same day and place. The lord admitted John Herberd, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Hampton at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bath.

2230. Same day and place. The lord admitted John Cryspyn, priest, to the perpetual chantry of the chapel of Scyredeston at the presentation of John de Reigni.

2231. Same day and place. The lord instituted Nicholas Beket, deacon, to the church of Wynfrete at the presentation of John Beket, the elder. Afterwards Nicholas took an oath in the same form as the rector of Coryrivel above. Present, masters Stephen Trippe, canon of Wells, and Thomas de Brokanhulle, rector of the church of Bleodon.

2232. ii Id., March, year and place above. The lord instituted Thomas Toly, acolyte, to the parish church of Lutton at the presentation of Richard Rodenye.

2233. Same day, &c. The lord instituted Henry Burnel to the church of St. Andrew, of Estdoulygh at the presentation of Isabella, daughter of John Wake.

2234. Id., March, year and place above. The lord instituted William de Bradelegh to the parish church of Herdyngton at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Keynesham.

2235. Same day, &c. The lord instituted Richard Palmere, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Merston Beauschaump at the presentation of the prioress and convent of St. Katherine, of Polslo.

2236. vii Kal., April, place and date above. The lord instituted David Thomas, chaplain, to the vicarage of the

parish church of Westharpetre at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Keynesham.

2237. Same day, &c. The lord instituted Henry Benet, priest, to the church of Pykewelle at the presentation of Richard Flory.

2238. Same day and place. The lord instituted Geoffry de Stodlye, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Merlynche at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glaston. Fol. 339.

2239. xvi Kal., April, place and year above. The lord instituted Peter Purbik to the church of St. Andrew, of Almoundesford at the presentation of Richard Lovel.

2240. Same day and place. The lord instituted Henry, son of Richard de Smethetoun, to the vicarage of the parish church of Burwe at the presentation of Thomas Fastolf.

2241. xiv Kal., April, at Wyvelscomb. The lord instituted Thomas de Thomeston, clerk, to the parish church of Northbarwe at the presentation of Isabella Lovel.

2242. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

We prohibit you that you admit a parson to the church of Sandford-Orskuys concerning the advowson of which contention is moved in our court between Walter de Haywod and Bartholomew Payn.

Witness, ourself, at Westminster, 27 Feb., in the 23rd year of our reign.

This original writ [was sent] to the lord at Wyvelscomb 20 March [13]48.

2243. xiii Kal., April 1348, at Wyvelscomb. The lord instituted Master Richard de Braunkescomb, deacon, to the church of Northcadebury at the presentation of Margaret de Meeles.

2244. xii Kal., April, at Wyvelscomb. The lord instituted John Tokere, chaplain, to the vicarage of Myneheued at the presentation of Robert, prior of Bruton, and the convent of the same place.

2245. xii Kal., April, year above, at Wyvelscomb. The lord admitted Richard de Haselore, priest, to the vicarage of Woky at the presentation of William de Lavyngton, subdean of Wells.

2246. xi Kal., April. The lord instituted Master William de Modebary to the church of Cumbeflory at the presentation of the prior and convent of Taunton.

Hic incipit annus quadragesimus nonus.

2247. viii Kal., April, A.D. 1349. The lord instituted John de Wythyme, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Kyngesbury at the presentation of Master Richard de Carleton, canon of Wells, by virtue of a mandate by the chancellor.

2248. vii Kal., April, A.D. above, at Wyvelyscombe. The lord instituted Geoffrey de Northlegh, priest, to the parish church of Weston in Gordon at the presentation of Joan de Sancto Mauro.

2249. v Kal., April, at Wyvelyscombe. The lord instituted Richard Atte Wode, clerk, to the church of Craucombe, at the presentation of the prioress and convent of Stodlegh.

2250. iv Kal., April A.D. above. The lord instituted Thomas Nekke, priest, to the church of Corscombe, at the presentation of John Palton.

2251. ii Kal., April, year above, at Wyvelescomb. The lord instituted Adam Laur, of Clyve, priest, to the vicarage of Southstoke.

2252. iii Kal., April, year above. The lord admitted Stephen Legge, chaplain, to the vicarage of the parish church of Clyve.

2253. Same day, at Wyvelescomb. The lord admitted John Balle, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Lutelton.

Bishop Ralph to John Balle, priest.

We admit and institute you to the vicarage of the parish church of Lutleton to which you are presented by the abbot and convent of Keynesham, the assignment of the portions of which vicarage has lawfully devolved on us on account of the negligence or default of the said abbot and convent. Which said vicarage we ordain to consist in the portions accustomed and from ancient time ordained, and also beyond those portions, in all tithes of yards or curtilages, &c.

Wyvelscomb, iij [Kal] April, A.D. 1349.

2254. iij. Kal., April year above. The lord instituted Master John de Bocland to the chantry in the chapel of the B. Virgin Mary, in the cemetery of Cruke to which he was presented by Hugh de Courtenay, earl of Devon.

2255. Kal., April, year above. The lord instituted Philip de Wynterborn, acolyte, to the church of Calveston to which he was presented by the abbess of Shafton. And he swore to preserve the lord indemnified otherwise he will resign his church. Present, Masters Thomas de Bokton and Nicholas de Heton, rector of the church of Berwyke St. Leonard, diocese of Salisbury.

2256. Kal., April, year above, at Wyvelscomb. The lord instituted William de Sutton to the parish church of Horblauton at the presentation of Joan, relict of William Wasoun.

2257. Kal., April, year above, at Wyvelscomb. The lord admitted John le Speke, priest, to the church of Porloke, to which he was presented by Robert de Stokeye.

2258. Kal., April, year above, at Wyvelscomb. The lord instituted William Le Riche to the vicarage of Burnham, to which he was presented by Master Robert Baldoke, canon of Wells and perpetual *firmarius* of the parish church of Burnham.

2259. iv Non., April, year above, at Wyvelscomb. The lord conferred on Sir William Niweport, chaplain, the vicarage of Congresbury belonging to his collation.

2260. iij Non., April. The lord instituted Robert de Estcote, to the vicarage of the parish church of Welwe at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Cirencestre.

2261. Non., April, at Wylescombe A.D. above. The lord instituted William Strechecote, priest, to the church of Thelysford at the presentation of Walter Pavely.

2262. viii April, A.D. above. The lord instituted John Le Warde, clerk, to the church of Oterhamton at the presentation of John Tryvet.

2263. iv Id., March, A.D. 1348.

The bishop granted to John, son of John Tripp, and Robert, son of William Atte More, of Axbrugge, all that tenement, with its appurtenances, which Isabella, relict of Richard de Gareslade, formerly held in the manor of Wells, and which Robert de Burgh and Mary his wife held, as appears by the charter the tenour of which is so.

Know present and to come that we, Ralph, &c., have given, and by this our present charter have confirmed to John, son of John Tripp, and Robert son of William Atte More, of Axbrugge, all that tenement, with all its appurtenances, which Isabella, who was the wife of Richard de Gareslade, formerly held in villeinage in our manor of Wells and which Robert de Burgh, citizen of Wells, and Mary his wife held of us by the grant of our immediate predecessor whilst they lived. To have and to hold the said tenement with the arable land, meadows, feedings, wastes, fisheries and pastures, &c., of us and our successors for the term of the lives of both of them and of the one of them who shall happen to live the longest, freely and peaceably by the service of 10*s.* to be paid at the four principal terms of the year, &c. Moreover we have given and granted, and by this our present charter have confirmed to the aforesaid John, son of John Tripp, and Robert, son of William Atte More, all that tenement which John de Acres

formerly held in Southgareslade, and which the aforesaid Robert de Burgh and Mary his wife held of us of the grant of our last predecessor. To have and to hold, &c., of us and our successors for the term of the lives of both of them and of the one of them who shall happen to live the longest, &c. Hiis testibus dominis Waltero de Peuely, Johanne de Clyvedon, Waltero Rodenygh, knights, Johanne Bradewille, Thoma Dreycote, Johanne Ropere, Thoma Saltere, et multis aliis.

Dated at Wyvelyscombe, on the day of St Gregory the Pope. 23 Edw. iii.

2264. vii. April, A.D. 1349, at Wyvelyscombe. The lord instituted Robert Samborne, priest, to the parish church of Kyngeston at the presentation of Robert Fizt Payn.

2265. vi Id., April, year above, at Wyvelyscombe. The lord instituted Walter de Monyngtone, deacon, to the vicarage of the parish church of Ayscote at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glaston.

2266. v Id., April, year above.

The lord instituted Robert Bonualet, chaplain, to the vicarage of Kulveton to which he was presented by the prior and convent of Bath.

2267. v Id., April, year above, at Wyvelscombe. The lord conferred on Philip de Oterhampton, chaplain, the parish church of Weston super Mare, pertaining to his collation, and instituted him in the same.

2268. iv Id., April, A.D. above.

The lord conferred on Nicholas Pontesbury the parish church of Norton under Hampton and instituted him in the same.

2269. iv Id., April, year above, at Wyveliscomb. The lord admitted John Le Bakere to the church of Sparkeford to which he was presented by Isabella Lovel, and he swore to preserve the lord indemnified.

Present, John de Risyngdon, rector of the church of Jevele, and John de Sidenale, canon of Wells.

2270. iv Id., April, year above, at Wyvelscomb. The lord admitted John Crispyn, chaplain, to the church of Ronyngton, to which he was presented by the prior and convent of Taunton, and he swore as above.

2271. iv Id., April. The lord admitted Robert Goy, chaplain, in the person of Walter de Dounsterre, his proxy, to the vicarage of Pipmynstre, to which he was presented by the prior and convent of [Taunton].

2272. iij Id., April, year above.
The lord conferred on Henry Sambroke, subdeacon, the parish church of Cheleworthe, vacant by the free resignation of Nicholas Pontesbury, and instituted him in the same.

2273. xviij Kal., May, year above, at Wyvelscombe. The lord admitted John Le Rymour, to the vicarage of Bathewyke and Wolleye to which he was presented by Geoffry de Aluetun, prebendary of Bathewyke and Wolleye.

2274. xviij Kal., May. The lord admitted William de Foston, priest, to the hospital of St. Katherine near Bristol to which he was presented by Thomas, lord de Berkeleye.

2275. xviij Kal., May. The lord admitted John de Dutun, priest, to the church of Chilton, and he swore to preserve the lord indemnified otherwise to leave the said church. Present, John de Risyngdon, and Master Thomas de Bukton, professor of civil law.

2276. xvij Kal., May, year above, at Wyvelscomb. The lord instituted William Touke, chaplain, to the chantry in the church of Stoke Lynche Ostrizer to which he was presented by Thomas Denebaud, lord of Stoclynche Ostrizer.

2277. xv Kal., May, year above, at Wyvelscombe. The lord admitted Thomas Paramour, chaplain, to the vicarage of the parish church of Cloford to which he was presented by the abbot and convent of Keynesham.

2278. xv Kal., May. The lord instituted John de Southdon, priest, to the church of Estcoker to which he was presented by the earl of Devon.

2279. xv Kal., May. The lord instituted John de Naketon, priest, to the vicarage of Stokedenys to which he was presented by Nicholas de . . .

2280. xiv Kal., May, year above, at Wyvelyscombe. The lord instituted William de Darthynton, priest, to the vicarage or perpetual chantry of the chapel of Norton Hautvile at the presentation of Eglitina de le Wyke. Fol. 341.

2281. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

We prohibit you that you admit a parson to the prebend of Estharpetre, concerning which contention is moved in our court between us and you.

Witness, ourself, at Langele, 18 April, in the 23rd year of our reign.

2282. Kal., May, A.D., above, at Wyvelscombe. The lord admitted Walter de Molys to the chapel of the Holy Ghost in the parish of Cherleton Adam, within the court of William Poulet, and at the presentation of the said William.

2283. Kal., May, A.D. above. The lord instituted Richard Sanford, priest, to the vicarage of the prebendal church of Barton at the presentation of Master Robert Baldoke, canon of Wells.

2284. ix Kal., May, A.D. above, at Wyvelscomb. The lord instituted Edmund Barlich, priest, to the perpetual chantry in the church of Stokelynche Ostrizer, at the presentation of Thomas Denebaud.

2285. Same day and place. The lord instituted Robert Dachet to the church of Stretton super Fosse at the presentation of Thomas de Bradeneston.

2286. viij Kal., May, place and year above. The lord instituted Robert Bonere to the church of Weston juxta Cammel at the presentation of John de Baunfeld. And he swore to preserve the lord indemnified.

Present, John de Rysyngdon and John Pouwer.

Dominus remisit registrum.

2287. Same day, place, and year. The lord instituted Nicholas Blenys, chaplain, to the vicarage of the church of Wellyngton at the presentation of the King by reason of the priory of Goldclyve being in his hand on the occasion of the war between him and those of France.

2288. Same day and place. The lord instituted Robert Purchas, priest, to the church of Cryket Malerbe at the presentation of Thomas de Courtenay. And he swore to preserve the lord indemnified.

2289. Same day, &c. The lord instituted Geoffry Lom, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Montacute at the presentation of William de Monte Acuto, earl of Salisbury, by reason of the advowsons of the churches of the priory of Montacute being in the King's hand by reason of the war between him and Philip de Valoys.

2290. Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells to Wolstan, bishop of Worcester.

We present our beloved clerk, John Powere, deacon, to the church of Pokelchurch, supplicating that you will institute him.

Wyvelescomb, ij Kal., May, A.D. 1349.

2291. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

Know that Alina, who was the wife of Edward Burnel, recovered against Robert de Weylond her presentation to the church of Loxton. Admit a fit person at the presentation of the said Alina.

Witness, J de Stonore, at Westminster, 27 April, in the 23rd year of our reign.

2292. Bishop Ralph to Henry de Ingleby, chaplain.

We institute you to the prebend of Estharpetre which Henry de Harwedon last held, to which you are presented by the King by reason of the temporalities of the bishopric of Bath and Wells lately being in his hand.

Wyvelscomb, Kal., May, A.D. 1349.

2293. Bishop Ralph to the dean of Wells.

Induct Henry de Ingleby, chaplain, to the prebend of Westharpetre.

Wyvelscombe, Kal., May, A.D. 1349.

2294. vi Kal., May, at Wyvelscombe, A.D. above. The lord instituted John de Dytem, priest, to the church of P . . . at the presentation of Ralph de Middilneye.

2295. iij Kal., May, A.D. above. The lord instituted Robert Carpere, priest, to the church of Almysford at the presentation of Richard Lovel.

2296. 30 May, year above, at Wyvelscomb. The lord instituted John de Na . . ., priest, to the church of Odecombe, at the presentation of William de Monte Acuto, earl of Salisbury.

2297. The King to the sheriff of Somerset and Dorset.

Quia magna pars populi et maxime operariorum et Fol. 342.
servientium jam in ista pestilencia est defuncta nonnulli videntes necessitatem dominorum et paucitatem servientium servire nolunt nisi salaria recipiant excessiva et alii mendicare malentes in ocio quam per laborem querere victum suum. Nos pensantes gravia que excarencia presertim cultorum et operariorum hujusmodi pervenire possent incommoda super hoc tamen Prelatis et Nobilibus et peritis aliis vobis assistentibus deliberacionem hujusmodi et tractatum de quorum unanimi consilio duximus ordinandum, quod quilibet homo et femina regni nostri Anglie cujuscumque condicionis fuerit libere vel servilis potens in corpore et infra etatem sexaginta annorum non vivens de mercatura nec certum exercens artificium nec habens de suo propria unde vivere vel terram propriam circa

culturam cujus se poterit occupare et alteri non serviens si de serviendo in servicio congruo considerato statu suo fuerit requisitus servire teneatur illi, qui ipsum sic duxerit requirendum et percipiat dumtaxat vadia, liberaciones, mercedes seu salaria in locis ubi servire debeat consueta sunt prestari anno dicti regni nostri Anglie vicesimo vel aliis communibus annis, quinque vel sex proximo precedentibus. Proviso quod domini proferantur aliis innativis seu terram suam nativam tenentibus sic in suo servicio retinendis. Ita tamen quod hujusmodi domini sic retineant tot quot sibi fuerint necessarii et non plures. Et si talis vir vel mulier de sic serviendo requisitis vel requisita hoc facere non voluerit, hoc probato per duos legales homines coram vicecomite, ballivo, domino aut constabulario ville ubi hoc fieri contigerit, statim per eos vel eorum aliquem capiatur et mittatur proxime gaole et ibidem sub arca moretur custodia quousque securitatem fecerit de serviendo in forma predicta. Et si aliquis in servicio alicujus sic retentus ante finem termini concordati a dicto servicio sine causa rationabili vel licencia recesserit nullus sub pena inprisonamenti talem in servicio suo recipere vel retinere presumat. Nullus eciam vadia, liberaciones, mercedes seu salaria majora solito sicut predictum est solvat vel promittat sub pena dupli illius quod sic solvitur vel solvere promiserit illi qui ex hoc sencerit se gravatum. et nullo tali volente prosequi tunc cuicumque de populo qui hoc prosecutus fuerit applicandi et fiat hujusmodi prosecucio in Curia domini loci quo talis casus acciderit. Et si domini villarum vel maneriorum contra presentem ordinacionem per se vel per ministros nostros in aliquo venire presumpserint, tunc in comitatibus, wapentachiis et trithingis vel aliis curiis nostris hujusmodi ad penam tripli per eos vel ministros suos sic soluti vel promissi in forma predicti fiat prosecucio contra eos. Et si forsan aliquis ante presentem ordinacionem cum aliquo de sic serviendo pro majori solario convenerit, ipse ratione ipsius convencionis ad solvendum ultra id quod alias tali consuetum solvi minime teneatur, immo plus solvere sub pena predicta non presumat.

Item quod sellarii, pellicarii, sutores, sissores, fabri, carpentarii, cementarii, tegularii, batellarii, carectarii et quicumque alii artifices et operarii non capiant pro labore et artificio suo ultra id quod dicto anno vicessimo et aliis communibus annis prece-

dentibus ut premittitur in locis quibus ipsos operari contigerit talibus solvi consuevit: et si quis plus receperit gaole proxime modo quo premittitur committatur. Item quod carnifices, piscenarii, hostellarii, braciatores, pistores, pulletarii et omnes alii venditores victualium quorumcumque teneantur hujusmodi victualia vendere proporcio rationabili habita consideracione ad precium quo hujusmodi victualia in locis propinquiis venduntur. Ita quod habeant hujusmodi venditores moderatum lucrum non excessivum prout distancia locorum a quibus hujusmodi victualia cariantur, duxerit rationabiliter requirendum. Et si quis victualia alia modo vendiderit, et inde in forma predicta convictus fuerit, solvat duplum illius quod sic receperit damnificato vel in defectum ejus, alteri qui prosequi voluerit in hac parte et habeant potestatem, Major et ballivi civitatum, burgorum, villarum mercatoriarum et aliarum, ac portuum et locorum maritinorum ad inquirendum de omnibus et singulis qui contra hoc in aliquo deliquerint et ad penam predictam ad opus illorum ad quorum sectam hujusmodi delinquentes convicti fuerint levandam, et in casu quo idem Major et ballivi executionem premissorum facere neglexerint et de hoc coram justiciariis per nos assignandis convicti fuerint, tunc idem Major et ballivi ad triplum rei sic vendite hujusmodi damnificato vel alteri in defectum illius prosequenti solvendum per eosdem Justiciarios compellantur et nichilominus versus nos graviter puniantur.

Et quia multi validi mendicantes quam possunt mendicatis elemosinis vivere laborare renuunt vacando occiis et peccatis quandoque latrociniis et aliis flagiciis nullus sub pena imprisonamenti predicta, talibus qui commode laborare poterint sub colore pietatis vel elemosine, quicquam dare, seu eos in sua desidia confovere presumat ut sic compellantur pro vite necessario laborare. Tibi precipimus firmiter injungentes quod premissa omnia et singula in comitatibus, burgis et villis mercatoriis, portubus maris et aliis locis in balliva tua ubi expedire videris tam infra libertates quam extra publice proclamari, &c., sicut predictum est.

Teste at Westminster, 18 June, 23 Edw. iii.

2298. xi Kal., Aug. Roger Middelton resigned his church of Oke into the hand of the said father at Jatton.

2299. 5 Aug., in the 20th year of the consecration of the bishop, the said bishop granted to Augustine Bethute, 9 acres of land at Redeclyve, within his manor of Compton, for 7*s.* to be paid annually for the life of the said bishop.

2300. ij Non., Octobris, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo^ quadragesimo nono.

Dominus, apud Woky, admisit istam literam sibi per Thomam de Berkelegh directam in hec verba. A nostre treshonurable piere en Deux et fiable amy salutz honure ove totes entiers amistez. Pur ceo qe nous avouns entendu qe sire Edmond de Merland chapelayn e presente a lesglise de Porteshed de vostre dioces et luy syre et ses amys se doutent qil serra targe en vostre Court par cause deun brefe qe vous receustez autre foizt de nostre purchaz sur le presentement de la parsone de Porteshed qi dreyn se lessa morir ; pur rien sire qe apertient a nous, faites ceo qe vous qi seit a faire sannz nulle desturbaunce mettre par cause de nous. Trescher sire et amy saynt espirit seit touz jours garde de vous.

2301. Bishop Ralph to the archdeacon or his official.

In the progress of our visitation, when making our transit through the town of Jevele on Sunday next before the feast of St. Martin last, and whilst we caused the divine office to be chanted, at the hour of vespers on the said Sunday, in the parish church of Jevele, certain sons of perdition, forming the community of the said town, having assembled in a numerous multitude with bows, arrows, iron bars, stones and other kinds of arms, fiercely wounded very many of our servants of God to the abundant spilling of blood. But not content with these evil doings they entered into the said church with great strife and shut us and our servants in the said church until the darkness of the night of the same day. And afterwards they incarcerated us and our servants in the rectory of the said church until on the day following the neighbours, devout sons of the church and all worthy of commendation, delivered us from so great danger and from our prison. All and singular which delinquents we declare to have fallen into the sentence of greater excommuni-

cation. We order you that you denounce the said favourers in all the churches under your jurisdiction.

Dated, &c.

This mandate was directed to the archdeacons of Wells, Taunton, Bath, the dean of Wells, the rector of Stokedenys and the perpetual vicar of Jevele under the same tenour.

2302. x Kal., Dec., A.D. above above. The lord at Monketon, instituted John Bonedich, priest, to the church of Skilegate at the presentation of Robert Fitzpayn.

2303. Bishop Ralph to the perpetual vicar of Jevele.

Although lately we declared the town of Jevele, the villages or hamlets of the same to lie under interdict on account of the demerits of the sons of Belial being there who rushed to the irreverence of our pontifical dignity and to the no small injury of our servants whilst we were in the progress of our visitation at Jevele. Lest the instruments of divine praise there be suspended, the teaching of Christ diminished and the devotion of the beloved of God be weakened, we suspend the said interdict until the Epiphany of the Lord next to come.

Wyvelscombe, 5 Dec., A.D. 1349.

2304. Bishop Ralph to the rector of Thorne.

The cemetery of the parish church of Jevele is polluted by the violent effusion of human blood that dead bodies cannot be buried before reconciliation without offence to the law; and although the bodies of the deceased persons ought to be borne to the cemeteries of our churches of Bath and Wells and there to be buried. We, nevertheless, wishing to mitigate this rigour, order you that, when the bodies of the parish of Jevele come to be buried at your church, you receive and admit them to burial until otherwise you shall have orders from us.

Wyvelscomb, 5 Oct,, A.D. 1349.

A like letter was directed to the perpetual vicar of Modeforde and under the same date.

2305. Bishop Ralph to the perpetual vicar of Jevele. Fol. 344.

Whereas we, lawfully proceeding, caused the benefit of

absolution to be bestowed on Walter Shoubuggare, Richard Weston, Roger Le Taillour, Thomas Skynnare, John Westnere, taillour, Nicholas Bernard, Ralph Gromynge, John Foul, William Tympayn, Adam Tannere, Stephen Panyot, John Cartere, Hugh Le Glovere, John West, Stephen Chaundeler, Henry Ryvel, Henry Chop, John Westnere, and John Cruce, of the parish of Jevele, and enjoined on them the underwritten punishment to be done at Jevele for their injuries, violences, and grave excesses committed whilst we were in the progress of our visitation at Jevele, and confessed by them and each of them. That is to say, that each of them shall restore to you all the arms which they used in the assault, to be kept by you until we order what shall be done with them. Each of them shall stand on Sundays on a lofty place of the said church bare headed, &c., whilst the divine offices are being celebrated, he shall hold a taper of one pound of wax burning and shall offer it to him celebrating mass. The cause of the punishment shall be expounded to the clergy and people there in the vulgar tongue. He shall go for the three days of the market of Jevele through the middle of the same and shall be fustigated by a priest.

Wherefore we commit and order you, firmly enjoining, that you announce the said Walter and others to be absolved and admit them to perform the punishment in form aforesaid.

Wyvelscomb, 5 Dec., A.D. 1349.

This letter aforesaid did not pass nor was it sent to the vicar above written.

2306. Bishop Ralph to the perpetual vicar of Jevele.

We suspended the interdict under date 5 Dec., A.D. 1349, till the Epiphany of the Lord then next to come.

We have thought fit to prorogue the suspension for two weeks. Announce the interdict of suspension so to be prorogued, we wishing that you shall celebrate the divine offices in the said church or the chapels depending thereon.

Wyvelscomb, ij Kal., Jan., A.D. 1349.

2307. Kal., Jan., A.D. above.

The lord, at Wyvelscomb, admitted Henry Benet, priest, to

the parish church of Chelvy at the presentation of Richard de Acton, knight.

2308. Memorandum that on the 25th day of November A.D. 1349, before Master John de Sydenhale, canon of Wells, commissary of Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, specially appointed in this behalf, sitting as a tribunal in the cemetery of the conventual church of Taunton, Roger de Warmwille, of the parish of Jevele, in the presence of William Cammel, canon of Wells, public notary, Master Simon de Fareway, Sir John Sambroke, rector of Merkesbury, John Sprengehuse, Richard Bardolf and others, publicly confessed that he would go through the punishment underwritten which the said commissary enjoined on him for his excess and grave injuries done to the said father and his servants in the parish church of Jevele. That is to say, he would go round the church of Jevele three times on Sundays and feast days before the procession to be made on that occasion with bare head and feet, &c., in penitential manner, and whilst high mass is being celebrated he shall hold a taper of the weight of one pound of wax in his hand, which, when the punishment has been gone through he shall offer to the high altar there, and the chaplain celebrating the mass shall expound the cause of the said punishment to the clergy and the people in the vulgar. He shall go through the market there on the three days of the market next following in like manner and round the churches of Wells, Bath, Glaston, Bristol and Somerton. From the town of Jevele shall visit Christ Church, Canterbury, in honour of St. Thomas the Martyr, in penitential manner. He shall pay 20*li.* to the said lord or his receiver of Wells.

And afterwards the lord ordered the perpetual vicar of Jevele to admit the said Roger to perform the said punishment, the tenour of which letter is given.

2309. On Wednesday next after the feast of St. Clement, A.D. above, John Molet and Nicholas Selmon, of the parish of Jevele, personally appeared in the parish church of Bishop's Lydiard before the commissary above written.

Fol. 345. 2310. The dean of St. Mary de Arcubus, official of the bishop of London, in the absence of the commissary general of the court of Canterbury, to the official of the bishop of Bath and Wells.

Whereas the president of the said court, in the matter of an appeal which by reason of the privation, declaration and his removal from the church of Kyngesdon and of other troubles was hoped to be settled between John Bonswen, rector of Kyngnesdon, pretending to be the party appealing, and Master John de Sydenale, canon of Wells, and Sir John de Rysyndon, rector of Jevele, pretending to be the commissary of Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, the party appealed, dismissed the party appealed from the examination of the said court because the party appealing did not prosecute, we intimate to you that, notwithstanding the inhibition under date vii Id., April, A.D. 1350, you can do what is your right.

London, ij Id., May, A.D. above.

2311. x Kal., July, A.D. 1350. The lord instituted John Crispyn to the vicarage of Nihenhyde by reason of exchange with the church of Ronygton, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Taunton.

Same day and year. The lord instituted William Wysman to the church of Ronygton by reason of exchange with the vicarage of Nihenhyde, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Taunton.

2312. Same day and year. The lord instituted Richard Heryng to the vicarage of Putmynstre, vacant by the resignation of Robert Crox by reason of exchange with the church of St. Mark the greater, of Ivelcestre.

Same day and year. The lord instituted Robert Crox to the church of St. Mary the greater, of Ivelcestre, vacant by the resignation of Richard Heryng, by reason of exchange with the vicarage of Putmynstre.

2313. ij Non., Jan., year above.

The lord, at Wyvelscomb, instituted John de Wyncanlton,

priest to the chapel of Chirton, vacant by the resignation of Sir Walter Waleys, at the presentation of Ralph Russel.

2314. The King's writ to the bishop.

Pope John xxii reserved the first fruits of certain benefices vacant in England for four years and granted a moiety thereof to us for our very urgent affairs, and 50*li.* of the same fruits from the deanery of Wells are yet in arrear. Distrain Walter de London, now dean of the said place, to satisfy us, together with the executors of the will of Richard de Bury, late dean there, for the said 50*li.*

Witness, W. de Broclesby, at Westminster, 25 Nov., in the 23rd year of our reign.

2315. xiij Kal., Feb.. year above.

The lord, at Wyvelscomb, admitted John Perot, priest, to the church of Orchardleghe at the presentation of Henry de Merlaund.

2316. v Kal., Feb. The lord, at Wyveliscombe, year above, admitted Richard Bulton, priest, to the church of Kytenore at the presentation of John de Bracton.

2317. Bishop Ralph to Master John de Bocland, holding the first tonsure.

We admit you to the chapel, without cure of souls, of the B. Virgin Mary in the cemetery of Crukerne to which you have been presented by Hugh de Courtenay, earl of Devon, and institute you in the same.

Wyvelscomb, ij Kal., April, A.D. 1349.

2318. iv Kal., Feb., A.D. above.

The lord, at Wyveliscombe, admitted John atte Mulle, priest, to the church of Henton Bluet at the presentation of Matthew de Button.

2319. Same day, place and year. The lord admitted William Gregory, acolyte, to the cured chapel of Mynstreton at the presentation of Hugh Courtenay, earl of Devon.

2320. Same day, place and year. The lord admitted Philip Le Doo, priest, to the church of Estcoker at the presentation of Hugh de Courtenay, earl of Devon.

Fol. 346. 2321. Mandate of Ralph, bishop of London, to Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, to pray for peace and for the King.
Hadham, pridie Id., Jan., A.D. above.

2322. Bishop Ralph to the dean of Merston and the perpetual vicar of Jevele. Whereas we have thought fit to enjoin on Richard de Weston, Thomas Skynnere, John Westerne, tailour, Nicholas Bernard, Ralph Gromynge, John Foal, William Tympayn, Adam Tannere, Stephen Paniot, John Cartere, Hugh Glovere, John Cruse, Shephen Chaundeler, Henry Chop, John Westerne, clerk, Robert Braszenner, Geoffrey Foulare, John Mey, William Schippestere, John Wilot, John Clerk alias Zonge, Thomas Faucoun, alias Bedeman, John Kuyt, Richard Pere, Luke Bole, William Manninge, John Spore, Thomas Thursteyn, Walter Wynter, Thomas Tannere, son of Thomas Skynnere, John Joye, Reginald Loketon, Thomas Attezerde, Robert Bras, tanner, John Styward, John Le Rede, baker, William Jurdan, Alan Leulyn Kemar, William Aluissh, Richard Weston, Andrew Thesilie, William Bymbain, Thomas Goldsmith, Nicholas Skynnere, Robert Carpenter, William Swift, of Kyngesbury, William Crowe, John Wisi, Robert Goule, John Stiward, William Bysmare, Walter Paniot, Philip Glovere, Magota Weston and Richard de Weston her husband, John Molet, and Nicholas Selmon, of the parish of Jevele, amongst other punishments the punishment of triple fustigation for their injuries, violences and excesses whilst we were in the progress of our visitation, we order you that you warn them to begin and perform the said punishment on Sunday next after the feast of St. Valentine the Martyr, and cite John Huchon and William Styward that they appear before us or our commissary in the prebendal church of Wivelscomb on Monday next after the feast of St. Valentine the Martyr, next to come.
Wivelescomb, viij Id., Feb., A.D. 1349.

2323. Bishop Ralph to John de Risyngdon, rector of Jevele.

We grant you special licence to let your church to farm to any fit parson from the 1st day of March next for three years.

Wyvelescomb, xij Kal., March, A.D. 1349.

2324. Bishop Ralph to the dean of Wells. Fol. 347.

Whereas we, lawfully proceeding, certain men of the town of Jevele appearing before us for their injuries, violences, and grave excesses committed whilst lately we were in the progress of our visitation, amongst other punishments which we enjoined on them, thought fit to enjoin on them the punishment of triple fustigation, &c. Wherefore we commit our offices to you to receive on this instant Sunday next whomsoever of the parish of Jevele coming to our church of Wells and being penitent from their hearts for their excesses and wishing to begin and to do the punishment, and also to expound the punishment to them and to do the other things.

Wyvelescomb, xij Kal., March, A.D. 1349.

2325. Bishop Ralph to the keeper of the jurisdiction of Glaston.

Whereas we have admitted Sir William de Fulbrok, priest, canon of Burcle, to the priory of Burcle, otherwise Spraulesmede, vacant by the death of brother Robert de Baltesborw, and instituted him as prior in the same, we order you that you induct the said William.

Wyvelescomb, viij Kal., March, A.D. above.

2326. Bishop Ralph to the abbot and convent of Keynsham.

Cum enim ad ministros ad ostia ecclesie monasterii antedicti debitis temporibus serenda et custodienda hactenus deputatos, nimio corpori et neglicencie fuisse et esse deditos sit detectum, ex quorum inercia grave periculum in ornamentis et aliis rebus dicti monasterii furtive vel alio modo in debitis victualibusque hora refectionis et cene inconsulcius asportandis contingere in futurum veresimiliter formidetur. . . Injunximus in virtute obediencie quod illi vel ille cujuscumque sit status, conditionis seu dignitatis ad quem vel quos eorundem custodum pertinet prefectio ordinent, vel ordinet et efficaciter faciant, seu faciat, dicta ostia magis solicite in futurum, et diligencius custodiri.

Fuissetque in eadem visitatione detectum, quod hora refectionis Canonicorum in claustro, seu refectorio dicti monasterii secularibus personis inoportunus et nimis communis patebat accessus. . . Injungimus ut in singulis refectionibus et consuetis potationibus canonicorum, secularibus personis, ut premittitur, quibuscumque ingressus in claustro seu refectorio penitus denegetur, uno refectoris servitore et hiis qui de licencia ibidem accesserint speciali rite concessa dumtaxat exceptis. Cumque etiam fuisset in dicta visitatione detectum quod in monasterio supradicto officiarii et servitores sunt quam plures, qui ad unum officium vix sufficiunt, stipendia tamen sibi vendicant et percipiunt dupplicata. . . Injunximus quod de cetero quicumque deserviens in celario omnes coci in coquina, et clericus de infirmaria dicti monasterii in aula ejusdem sit in refectionibus, eisdemque contenti liberatas ulterius non percipiant cosuetas nec cibaria quovismodo seu colore faciant extra portam dicti monasterii asportari nisi voluntas abbatis vel alterius ad hoc ex officio superintendentis ad premissa accesserit specialis. . . Injungimus etiam quod Janitor porte exterioris ejusdem monasterii sic prudenter et diligenter eam custodiat et temporibus oportunis claudi faciat ut nullus religiosus vel secularis post horam completorii eam exiat, vel egrediatur, ac absque causa vera et rationabili discurrat seu evagetur.

Item injungendo precipimus quod in coquina, pistrino et bracino utiles et necessarii servitores retineantur remotis superfluis quibuscumque, ac in uno officio deputati, cum ab eodem vacare potuerit, aliud officium juvent per laborem, occupacionem proficuam semper amplectentes. . . Injunximus quod omnes et singuli in dicto monasterio officia exteriora habentes, statim post autumpnum ratiocinia sue administrationis seriatim et distincte reddere teneantur. Necnon et Coquinarii prefati monasterii de septimana in septimanam tam de instauro domus quam de aliis ab extra provenientibus, per abbatem, modo quo supra ratiocinia distinctius reddere compellatur. Exteriores officiarii, per duas septimanas, et coquinarii, per duos dies, in mora reddendi ratiocinia existentes, per abbatem in virtute sancte obediencie statim ab officio precipimus ammoveri . . . Injunximus quod omnes canes venatici extra clausuras
Fol. 348. seu septa dicti monasterii arcius custodiantur. Canonicos vero

canem, seu canes venaticos per se vel per alium, quovis ve colore infra septa dicti monasterii presumentes detinere ab esu carnum per unum mensem continuum extra quadragesimam in tempore quadragesimali per duas septimanas a comestione piscium precipimus totaliter abstinere; familiares vero ipsius monasterii cujuscumque status seu condicionis fuerit similia facientes, canonicumque infra septa prefati monasterii sine licencia abbatis. . . tenentem prefate pene decernimus subjacere. . . Injunximus quod dicti canonici ad laborem transeuntes non bibant, neque comedant, quousque ad monasterium redierint memoratum, nisi distancia loci vel alia necessitas aliud inducat. . .

Precipimus quod nulle terre dicti monasterii seu tenementa vel alie res inmobiles in perpetuam emphitiosim dentur vel locentur. . .

Injunximus etiam districtius percipiendo ut nocturnum officium pariter et diurnum devocius quam solebant et magis tractim cum debitis pausacionibus decantetur. . .

Wyvelescomb, xvi Kal., March, A.D. 1349.

2327. Bishop Ralph to the abbot and convent of Keynsham.

In the visitation which we exercised in your monastery last summer it was detected, amongst other things, that if John de Wamberge, then being chamberlain of the said monastery should die, the said monastery would suffer heavily in temporal affairs. We removed him from the administration of the said office by decree, nevertheless bearing with him for a time now elapsed in the said office. We order you that immediately you see these presents you cause one of your canons, being a prudent man and circumspect in temporal affairs, to be placed quickly in the said office.

Dated as above.

2328. Bishop Ralph to the abbot and convent of Glaston.

Sane mense Octobris ultimo jam transacto, dictum monasterium jure ordinario visitantes, quedam in dicta visitatione dilectos filios predictum abbatam et ejusdem loci conventum concernentia inter cetera detecta invenimus. . .

Aliqua ordinavimus domino abbati et conventui antedictis

firmius injungenda sub modo et forma quibus infra plenius conscribuntur. A capite, igitur, incipientes, in dicto monasterio divinum officium nocturnum pariter et diurnum devote proni. Deus ministravit spallentibas magis tractim quam solebat cum pauxacionibus congruis injunximus de cetero decantari Item quod numerus servitorum et clericorum ad officiendum in divinis officiis in capella beate Marie Virginis in eodem Monasterio integer suppleatur prout in ordinacione bone memorie domini Adam ejusdem monasterii nuper abbatis super hujusmodi edita plenius continetur qui ministri supelliciis honeste inducentur dum intersint in missa et aliis horis canonicis juxta morem in eadem capella hactenus observatum. Et sacrista et elemosinarius prefati monasterii duos capellanos inveniant modo quo premittitur in capella predicta ministrantes sicut olim tenebantur, qui si in hac parte negligentes vel remissi repereantur eo quod Christi cultus diminuitur qui sepius deberet augmentari regulari subjaceant discipline necnon et elemosinarum distribuciones et alia consueta in diebus aniversariorum abbatum monasterii antedicti ab hac luce subtractorum prout reto (*sic*) temporibus fieri consueverant honorifice impendantur. . .

Injungimus domino abbati antedicto in virtute sancte obediencie quod suis monachis eum alloqui cupientibus affabilem se prebens et benignum eosdem mansuete cum moderatione tamen justicie tractet prout regularibus et canonicis convenit institutis, et quod victualia precipue panis et servisia, adeo bona et decencia, ac vinum prout fieri solebat sicut tempora paciuntur ministrentur eisdem ut in statu quo vocati sunt Deo valeant liberius famulari. Adjicientes quod ille cujus officio ascribitur infirmarias legitime ut premittitur ministrandi illud inveniat modo et forma consuetis. . . Hospitalitas et elemosina in supradicto monasterio precipue in discreta receptione pauperum et peregrinorum juxta degenciam tanti monasterii ita magnifice possessionati, prout seculum convertit dies suos abolendam infamiam si qua sit de premisis modo debito et honorifice conserventur. Item quod ornamenta ad caput sancti Dunstani pertinencia decencius reparentur. . . Necnon quod redditus et obvenciones ad emendacionem predictorum pontium et itinerum qualitercumque deputati in eorum refectionem per custodem jurisdictionis antedicte prudenter et integre convertantur. . .

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2329. ii Id., May, A.D. 1350. The lord, at Wyvelescomb, instituted Richard Trewe to the parish church of Luccomb to which [he was presented] by Oliver de Sancto Johanne, knight.

2330. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

Because John Turk, chaplain, executor of the will of John Turk, late one of the collectors of the triennial fifteenth and tenth granted by the laity in the county of Somerset (which said John, the late collector, on the day of his death was bound to us for the first year of the payment together with the other collectors) is a clerk beneficed in your diocese having no lay fee in the county of Somerset or Dorset, distrain the said John by his ecclesiastical goods and benefices that he be before the barons of our Exchequer to render an account, together with Simon de Meriet, John Poulet and the other collectors.

Witness, G. de Wilford, at Westminster, 12 April, in the 24th year of our reign.

Return. We have caused John Turk, chaplain, to be distrained.

2331. 15 July, year above. The lord, at Wyvelescomb, admitted John de Wynnefeld, chaplain, to the ministry of the perpetual chantry of Kulve at the presentation of Simon de Furneux.

2332. iij Kal., May, A.D. 1349. The lord, at Wyvelescombe, instituted Walter de Estham, priest, to the hospital of St. Katherine near Bristol at the presentation of Thomas de Berkelygh. Fol. 350.

2333. Same day, place, and year. The lord instituted William atte Welle, deacon, to the vicarage of Welwe at the presentation of the abbot and convent of St. Mary of Cirencestre.

2334. Kal., May, year above. The lord, at Wyvelscomb, instituted John de la More to the church of Loxton at the presentation of Alma, who was the wife of Edward Burnel.

2335. Same day, place, and year. The lord instituted John de Santford, clerk, to the church of Westcantokysheft at the presentation of Nicholas Wymet and John Hondy.

2336 v Non., May, year above.
The lord instituted Richard Atte Churcheyde, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Merlynche at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glaston.

2337. Same day, &c. The lord instituted Hugh de Wystanestowe, priest, to the church of Cricheston at the presentation of James Daudeleye.

2338. iv Non., May, year above.
The lord instituted Nicholas Uske, priest, to the chantry of Wemedon at the presentation of Matilda de Wyghebere, relict of Richard de Wyghebere, vacant by the resignation of Tholomeus de la Ryxem, archdeacon.

2339. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.
Wishing to be certified who last presented to the church of Northcadebury, and what person, and on what day he was presented, instituted and inducted, &c., we order you that you certify us in our Chancery.
Witness, ourself, at Westminster, 28 April, in the 23rd year of our reign.

2340. v Id., May, year above.
The lord, at Wyvelscomb, instituted Sir John Gerard to the vicarage of Huwysch at presentation of Lawrence Fastolf, proxy of Master Thomas Fastolf.

2341. iv Id., May, year above.
The lord, at Wyvelscomb, instituted Thomas Balon to the church of Radestoke, by reason of exchange for the church of Henton Bluet, at the presentation of William Banastre.

2342. iij Id., May, year and place above.
The lord instituted Sir Thomas de Gelhampton to the vicarage

of Puriton at the presentation of the King by reason of the priory of Goldclyve being in his hand.

2343. Same day, place, and year. The lord instituted John de Westbury to the church of Bekynton at the presentation of the King by reason of the custody of the land and heir of John de Erley.

2344. xv Kal., June, year above.
The lord, at Welyngton, instituted Robert de Merston, priest, to the vicarage of Welyngton at the presentation of John de Sancto Paulo, warden of the church of Wells.

2345. xiv Kal., June, year above.
The lord, at Welyngton, instituted John de Borton, priest, to the church of Rouburgh at the presentation of the abbot and convent of St. Augustine near Bristol.

2346. Same day, &c. The lord conferred the vicarage of Chyw on William Strechecote, priest, and instituted him as perpetual vicar. And the same day he resigned the church of Thelisford into the hands of the lord.
Present, John de Sydenhalle, J. Rysyngdon, J. Waryn.

2347. Same day, &c. The lord instituted William Fychet, priest, to the church of Lyghe Militis at the presentation of John Aunger.

2348. xiij Kal., June. The lord, at Welyngton, admitted William de Borstalle, priest, to the church of Stawelle at the presentation of Reginald de Malyns.
Present, Rysyngdon, Modbury, Waryn.

2349. Same day, &c. The lord admitted William Marmedux, priest, to the chapel of Staurewyke at the presentation of the abbot and convent of St. Mary of Cirencestre.

2350. xi Kal., June, year above.
The lord, at Welyngton, instituted Sir Thomas de Wynkton, chaplain, to the vicarage of Cherde at the presentation of John de Sancto Paulo, provost of the church of Wells.

2351. vij Kal., June, year above.
The lord, at Thurlebere, instituted William Dou, priest, to the church of Southbradene at the presentation of Alice Kayel.

2352. Same day, &c. The lord instituted Robert Daubeny, priest, to the chantry or chapel of Southpederton at the presentation of Ralph Daubeny.

2353. v Kal., June. The lord, at Bruggewater, instituted Master William de Lamborn, priest, to the church of Cherdelynch at the presentation of Simon de Bradeneygh.

2354. iv Kal., June, year above, at Banewille.
The lord instituted Sir William Atte Oke, priest, to the vicarage of Compton at the presentation of Master John de Carlton, prebendary of Compton.

2355. Bishop Ralph to William Cammel, canon of Wells.
We grant to you *in commendam* the office of the succentory in our church of Wells, being vacant at present, to last for six months.
Banewille, iv Non., June, A.D. 1349.

2366. iv Non., June, A.D. above, at Banewelle.
Licence for Thomas Hulle, chaplain, to celebrate nuptials between William Teutebury and Matilda Martel in the chapel within the mansion formerly belonging to Master Richard de Sudbury, canon of Wells, now deceased, in the city of Wells.

Fol. 351. 2357. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.
Whereas by our letters patent we granted the prebend of Cory in the church of Wells to Thomas Beauford, we order you that you admit him.
Witness, ourself, at Wyndesore, 23 April, in the 23rd year of our reign.
This presentation was admitted at Banewille 2 June in the year above.

2358. Non., June, year above, at Banewille.
The lord instituted Master Thomas Dauyntre, priest, to the

vicarage of Northcory at the presentation of the dean and chapter of Wells.

2359. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.
Know that we give our assent and favour to the election lately made in the conventual church of Muchilneye of Thomas de Overton, the prior of the said house, as abbot of that place.
Witness, ourself, at Wodestoke, 29 May, in the 23rd year of our reign.

2360. iv Id., June, at Jatton.
The lord admitted John Blaunchekote, priest, to the church of Elme at the presentation of William Portebrefe.

2361. iv Kal., July, year above.
Adam de Derlyngton was instituted in the church of Northcadeburi at the presentation of the King by reason of the lands and tenements which Margaret, who was the wife of Nicholas de Moelis, deceased, held of the King in chief being in his hand.

2362. xv Kal., July, year above.
John Mey, chaplain, was instituted to the vicarage of Evercrich at the presentation of the hospital of St. John, of Wells.

2363. xiij Kal., July, year above.
Adam Laurence, chaplain, was instituted in the church of Henton Bluet at the presentation of Matthew de Dutton, lord of Henton Bluet.

2364. xij Kal., July, year above.
William Weleby, clerk, was instituted in the church of Chiselbergh at the presentation of Philippa, queen of England.

2365. xij Kal., July, year above.
John de Lyncolln, priest, was instituted in the perpetual vicarage of the prebendal church of St. Decuman at the presentation of Sir John Gyffard, prebendary.

2366. Stephen, archbishop of the church of St Arles, the

pope's chamberlain, to the bishop, chapter, canons and other persons of the church of Bath and Wells, and also all abbots, priors, rectors and chaplains.

Universitati vestre notum facimus per presentes, quod idem dominus noster summus pontifex plenam indulgenciam seu remissionem peccatorum alias per ipsum omnibus et singulis in dictis civitate et diocese decedentibus usque ad festum Resurrectionis Domini quod ultimum preteritum concessam eo modo et forma quibus tunc concesserat vobis et vestrum cuilibet de benignitate apostolica usque ad instans festum beati Michaelis mense Septembris vive vocis oraculo ad humilem supplicacionem venerabilis viri magistri Reginaldi de Bugwell, canonici ecclesie Exoniensis duxit de speciali gratia misericorditer prorogandam.

Avinon, 28 Ap., A.D. 1349.

2367. Whereas discord has arisen between John de Ken, of the one part, and Aylmer, rector of Kyngestonseymor, of the other part, at length, the parties being personally in the parish church of Chyw on the 19th day of July,[submitted] to the arbitration of brother Thomas de Calweton, prior of the monastery of Salop, and Sir Walter de Pavele.

2368. Bishop Ralph to Guido de Bellanomonte.

We admit you to the church of Chilton, pensionary to the vicarage of Estcammel in 2*s.* 6*d.* annually, and also portionary to the said vicarage in the tithes of two portions within the limits of Chilton, for the whole demesne of the lord of Chilton, to which you have been presented by the King, and institute you as rector in the same

Chiw, v Non., July, A.D. 1349.

2369. The clerk of the official of the archdeacon of Wells to Bishop Ralph.

We have received your mandate under the tenour which follows. Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells to our archdeacon of Wells.

The King has presented Guido de Bellanomonte, clerk, to the church of Chilton. Make inquisition in full chapter whether the said church is vacant, how, and from what time, &c.

2370. iv Non., July, A.D. above, at Chyw. The lord instituted Fol. 352. William Le Wythe, chaplain, to the chantry in the chapel of St. Thomas, Bristol, founded by the charter of Richard de Well', formerly a burgess of the said town, at the presentation of the mayor of Bristol.

2371. Same day, place, and year. The lord instituted Walter Le Yrish, clerk, to the church of Clovesworthe at the presentation of William de Monte Acuto, earl of Salisbury, by reason of the advowsons of the churches in the presentation of the prior and convent of Montacute lately in the King's hand by reason of the war between the King and Philip de Valoys.

2372. Bishop Ralph de Andrew de Tanton.

Tue nobis devotionis exposita petitio continebat quod consenciente Margareta Meifolyne tua uxore que senex est et sterilis ac sine specione potest in seculo remanere, vultque promittere castitatem, ad sanctam religionem transire constanti et devoto desiderasti: quare a nobis instanter et humiliter postulasti ut tibi in ea parte licenciam impendere curaremus. Nos igitur tantum accedentes propositum, te et ipsam super singulis in ea parte respondentes circumstanciis diligenter examinavimus tibique concurrentibus hiis que in ea parte canonicis conveniunt institutis ut ad religionem transire valeas, promissa a dicta uxore tua primitus castitate si aliud canonicum non obstiterat promittimus. et licenciam in Domino impertimur.

Jatton, vii Id., July, A.D. 1349.

2373. 8 July, year above. The lord admitted John Atte More to the vicarage of Karampton at the presentation of the prior and chapter of Bath.

2374. Same day, at Asschton. The lord admitted Walter Doket to the church of Exford at the presentation of William de Acton and Alice, late wife of William Perseval.

2375. 10 July, year above. The lord admitted Thomas Antony, chaplain, to the vicarage of Haselbere at the presentation of Gilbert Bruer, prebendary there.

2376. v Id., June, at Jatton, in the year above. The lord instituted Richard Graneby, clerk, to the church of Northcadebury, vacant by the resignation of Adam Derlyngton, at the presentation of William Botreux.

2377. iii Id., July, year above, at Jatton. The lord admitted Edward Hurgon to the church of Santford Orkeys at the presentation of Bartholomew Payn.

2378. Same day and place. The lord admitted Walter Hanlo to the church of Rympton at the presentation of William, bishop of Winchester.

2379. Same day, John Baker was admitted to the church of Orchard at the presentation of the bishop of Winchester, by reason of the son of Thomas Orchard being in his custody.

2380. ij Id., July, year above, at Jatton. The lord admitted Andrew de Bernham, priest, to the church of Sparkeford at the presentation of the King.

2381. Id., July, year above, at Jatton. The lord instituted Nicholas Mauncel, priest, to the church of Stanlegh, at the presentation of John de Reigny, knight.

2382. Same day, &c. The lord admitted John Strode, priest, to the church of Sevenhampton at the presentation of Thomas de Lysle.

2383. xvii Kal., Aug., A.D. above, at Jatton. The lord admitted Thomas Wyion, priest, to the cured chapel of Estham depending upon the parish church of Cruk at the presentation of William Sencler.

2384. xvi Kal., Aug., A.D. above, at Jatton. The lord admitted Walter Yrysch, clerk, to the church of Clouesworthe at the presentation of William de Monte Acuto, earl of Salisbury.

2385. ii Kal., Aug., at Jatton. The lord admitted Thomas Bal, priest, to the church of Oke at the presentation of Margaret, who was the wife of John de Bello Campo.

2386. iii Non., Aug., year and place above. The lord admitted Thomas de Faryndon, priest, to the church of Northebarwe at the presentation of Isabella Lovel.

2387. Same day, &c. The lord instituted John de Walecote, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Hampton at the presentation of the prior and chapter of Bath.

2388. Same day, &c. The lord admitted John Herbard, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Compton Dando at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bath.

2389. v Id., Aug., year above, at Jatton. The lord admitted Thomas Cres, deacon, to the parish church of Stokelynche Magdalene at the presentation of Margaret, relict of John de Bello Campo. Present, John de Risyngdon, rector of Jevele, Thomas de Bucton, professor of civil law, and many others.

2390. iv Id., Aug., year above. The lord admitted Richard Schawman, priest, to the chapel of Schiredeston to which [he was presented] by John Regny, knight.

2391. viii Id., Aug., A.D. above, at Jatton. The lord instituted Thomas Jankyn, chaplain, to the church of Milton at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bruton.

2392. Same day, place, and year. The lord instituted Walter Kaynel to the church of Spartegrave at the presentation of Elizabeth Sanntzavoir.

2393. ix Kal., Sept., A.D. above. The lord instituted Robert de Weston, priest, to the vicarage of the church of Southstoke. Fol. 353.

2394. v Kal., Sept., at Evercrich. The lord instituted Walter de Chadeleshounte, priest, to the church of Elleworthy at the presentation of brother Philip de Thame, prior of the hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England.

2395. Same day, place, and year. The lord instituted William

Morys, chaplain, to the church of Tholand at the presentation of brother Philip de Thame, prior of the hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England. Afterwards the said William swore to preserve the lord indemnified.

2396. Be it remembered that Thomas Picoit, of the diocese of St. David's, priest, says that he was ordained on Saturday *quatuor temporum* in the month of September, viz. ... Kal., Oct., A.D. 1350, in the parish church of Axbrugge by Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells. Therefore let the register be searched at the request of John Spyse. [Bokton mihi precepit.]

2397. Be it remembered that Richard Godman, of the parish of Cloford, swore before Thomas de Bocton to pay to Sir John de Rysyngdon, the bishop's steward, one mark at the feasts of St. Andrew the Apostle and the Purification.

2398. Be it remembered that Richard Smyth and William Duke were condemned on Monday the feast of St. Cuthbert at Evercrich by Master Thomas de Bokton to pay to Sir John de Rysyng[don] 17*s.* in which they were bound to the lord for corn bought in the field of Clyvedon.

2399. vij Id., Sept. The lord ordered the archdeacon of Bath to induct Master William de Cokham into the parish church of Calueston, in the year above.

2400. iv Id., Sept., A.D. above, at Evercrich. The lord admitted Sir Thomas de Sullihull, priest, to a moiety of the chantry of the chapel of the Hidhall, of Clyfdon, at the presentation of Edmund de Clyfdon. He owes 12*d.* He has Tuesday next to pay.

2401. iij Id., Sept., year above, at Evercrich. The lord admitted brother William Hodierne, a monk of the abbey of Lonleye, of the order of St. Benedict, and professed, to the priory of Stokcurcy and the churches appropriated to the same priory, vacant by the resignation of Thomas le Provost, the last prior, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Lonleye, admitted him as rector of the churches and instituted him as

prior of the said priory. The archdeacon of Taunton or, &c., [to induct].

2402. Ordinance of Bishop Ralph, dated at Wells 4 Dec., A.D. 1335, for lectures in the church of Wells, confirmed by Pope Clement iv, Id., July, in the 7th year of his pontificate.

[Extracts printed in "Wilkins's Concilia," vol. ii, p. 571.]

2403. iv Kal., Oct., at Evercrich. The lord instituted Master Richard Carleton, priest, to the church of Hetham by reason of exchange with the church of Ufcolmp, diocese of Exeter, vacant by free resignation, to which he was presented by the abbot and convent of Glaston. Fol. 354.

Same day, place and year. The lord instituted Master John de Farndon to the church of Ufcolmp, diocese of Exeter, by authority of John, bishop of Exeter.

2404. xiv Kal., Nov., A.D. 1349, at Chyw. The lord instituted Thomas Large, priest, to the parish church of Merston, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Cirencester.

2505. 12 Nov., at Norton. The lord admitted Richard Cunde, priest, to the chantry or chapel of Norton Hauteoyle at the presentation of Egenilda Wyke.

2406. xiij Kal., Nov., A.D. 1349, at Chyw. The lord would tolerate that Sir Adam, chaplain, and rector of the parish church of Henton Bluet, could celebrate divine services till Christmas next, in the chapel of William de Sutton on Sundays and other feasts and solemn days although he shall first have performed the solemnities of masses in his said church.

2407. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

Know that we, in our court before our justice at Westminster, recovered our presentation to the prebend of the church of Cory in the church of Wells, against Master William de Saxeby. Admit a fit person to the said prebend.

Witness, J. de Stonore, at Westminster, 12 Oct., in the 23rd year of our reign.

This writ was presented to the lord at Chyw, xiij Kal., Nov.

2408. John, the bishop, Stephen the dean, and the chapter of Hereford to Bishop Ralph.

Alma mater ecclesia ejus sancta vestigia prosequens et exemplo ducta laudabili quasi gloriosus in sanctis suis et in majestate mirabilis Prophete preconis predicatur, &c. Hec reverende pater in animo revolventes et studiosa meditatione pertractantes, cupientes Dominum glorificare in sanctis suis et specialiter in sancto nostro eximio Christi confessore beato Thoma quondam Hereforden' episcopo speciali patrono et protectore nostro assidue orante pro populo et pro civitate nostra Anglie, scilicet, nacione quem vite preclaris meritis (*s. d.*).

Fol. 355. 2409. iij Kal., Nov., at Frome.

The lord instituted Geoffrey Causton, chaplain, to the chantry or chapel of St. Katherine, of Frome Braunche, at the presentation of the King being in his hand by reason of the custody of the land and heir of Andrew Braunche, deceased.

2410. Non., Oct., at Woky. The lord admitted Edmund de Merland, chaplain, to the church of Portesheſd at the presentation of Richard de la Halle.

2411. Same day and place. The lord admitted Robert Pymton, chaplain, to the church of Holeford at the presentation of the King.

2412. William de Monte Acuto, earl of Salisbury, to all, &c. Know that we have manumitted Thomas, son of Adam Heremyte, of Chedesye, our bond tenant of our manor of Chedesye, and we will and grant that he may take holy orders notwithstanding any objection of serfdom.

Dungate, 26 Sept., 23 Edw. iii.

This letter was admitted at Lydyard Episcopi, vi Kal., Dec., A.D. 1350.

A like letter was exhibited on the behalf of Richard, son of Adam Cade, from the said William de Monte Acuto the day and year abovesaid.

2413. x Kalend., Decembris. Dominus concessit Roberto Roser, capellano de Nyuton, quod ipse possit celebrare tribus diebus

in ebdomoda apud Mihelchurche usque festum Natalis Domini proximo futurum licet prius in ecclesia de Nyuton predicta missam celebraverit. Et in casu quo idem Robertus egrogatus fuerit vel alio modo impeditus, concessit Johanni, capellano de Durston, quod ipse posset supplere vices suas, et quod ista fierent in causa necessitatis.

2414. viij Kal., Dec., at Taunton. The lord admitted John de Horton, clerk, to the church of Wydecombe, at the presentation of Simon de Meryzete.

2415. vi Kal., Dec., at Wyvelscomb. The lord admitted Thomas Fromond, priest, to the chapel of Southpederton at the presentation of Ralph Daubeney.

2416. 10 Dec., at Wyveliscombe. The lord admitted William Fabel, chaplain, to the church of Horsyngton, at the presentation of Eleanor Russel, in the person of Ralph Peper his proxy.

2417. Bishop Ralph to Thomas de Wyntirborne Chireboro, chaplain.

John, perpetual vicar of Poulet, has lost the use of his eyes. We appoint you as his coadjutor.

Wyvelscombe, xiv Kal., Jan., A.D. 1349, and the 20th of our consecration.

2418. We, Bishop Ralph, caused John Ricardi, de Bathonia rector of Monketon, to be cited before us to exhibit his title concerning the retention of the said church. The same John appearing proved that he was canonically secured and ordained to all minor orders and to the orders of subdeacon and deacon. We dismiss him from the impeachment of our office.

Wyvelscomb, xiij Kal., Jan., A.D. 1349.

2419. xij Kal., Jan., A.D. 1349, in a chamber of the manor of Wyveliscombe, in the presence of Masters Thomas de Bokton and John de Sydenhale, Richard de Chadeslegh, rector of Coryryvel, resigned the said church. And the same day, place and year the lord admitted Richard de Chadesle, the younger, to the said church at the presentation of William de Monte Acuto, earl of Salisbury.

2420. xv Kal., Jan., A.D. above, at Wyveliscombe. The lord admitted Adam Taileur, priest, to the church of Wotton at the presentation of the prior and brethren of the hospital of St. John the Baptist, of Wells.

2421. xi Kal., Jan., A.D. above, at Wyveliscombe. The lord admitted Edmund Barlich, priest, to the church of Stokelinche Ostrizer at the presentation of Thomas Denebaud.

Fol. 356. 2422. iij Kal., March, year above, at Wyvelescomb. The lord admitted John Trowbrugge, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Northcory at the presentation of the dean and chapter of Wells.

2423. Kal., March, year and place above. The lord admitted William Wareyn to the vicarage of the prebendal church of Hywysch, annexed to the archdeaconry of Wells, at the presentation of Master Lawrence Fastolf, proxy of Master Thomas Fastolf, archdeacon of Wells.

2424. Non., March, year above, at Wyvelscombe. The lord appointed his penitentiaries viz., the rectors of Est Ludeford and Spartegrave in the deanery of Cary ; the perpetual vicars of Cammel and Millebourne Port in the deanery of Merston ; the the vicars of Chilterne and Stoke under Hamedon, in the deanery of Ivelcester ; the vicar of Stalles in the deanery of Bath ; the vicar of the place in the deanery of Radeclyve ; the vicars of Cheddre and Bannewelle in the deanery of Axebrugge ; the vicar of the place and the rector of Lollyngton in the deanery of Frome, the rectors of Luccomb and Saunford Bret in the deanery of Dunstorre ; the rector of Bradenord in the deanery of Taunton ; and the rector of Spaxton and the vicar of Northpederton in the deanery of Bruggewater.

2425. vi Id., March, year above, at Wyvelscombe. The lord admitted Walter Tyngtoz, priest, to the parish church of West Lideford at the presentation of Margaret Martyn.

2426. Same day, place, and year. The lord instituted John Attewell, chaplain, to the parish church of Stratton on the Foss,

vacant by the resignation of Robert Dachet, at the presentation of Thomas de Bradeston, knight.

2427. Bishop Ralph to the dean of Wells.

We commit our offices to you to proceed in the matter of the presentation made by the King to Master Bernard Brocaz to the prebend of St. Decuman in our church of Wells and to admit him.

Id., March., A.D. 1349.

2428. In the roll of the memoranda of the Exchequer for the term of Holy Trinity in the 22nd year of the reign of King Edward iii after the Conquest.

The King's writ to the treasurer and barons of the Exchequer. On the behalf of Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, it has been pointed out to us, complaining that, whereas divers tenants of 16½ knight's fees and the fourth part of a fee in certain vills in the hundreds of Wynterstoke, Chyw and Wells, Kyngesbury, Welw and Bath Foreyn hold of the said bishopric in demesne and the same tenants by their proper hands have paid that which pertains to us for those fees for the aid of 40*li.* to make our eldest son a knight, you nevertheless, by the evidence of a certain inquisition taken in the time of our grandfather before the collectors of the aid granted to marry his eldest daughter, cause the said bishop to be distrained for 33*li.* 10*s.* by reason of the same aid. When you have searched the rolls and memoranda of the Exchequer and the said inquisition, &c., if it shall appear to you that the premises contain the truth in effect then cause the demands to be surceased and cause him to be discharged and quit.

Witness, ourself, at Wyndesore, 22 June in the 22nd year of our reign.

And hereupon the bishop comes here now, on the quindene of St. John the Baptist, by John de Pull, his attorney, and complains that he is grievously distrained by the sheriff of Somerset for 33*li.* 10*s.* and this by no means justly, for he says that he does not hold, nor did any of his predecessors hold any knight's fees in demesne within the hundreds of Wynterstoke, Chyw and Wells. But he says that divers men of the said county hold 16½ Fol. 357.

fees and the fourth part of one fee in the said hundreds and also in the hundreds of Kyngesbury, Welwe and Bath foreyn the particulars of which fees and the names of the now tenants the bishop delivered here in a certain schedule and for which 16½ fees and the fourth part of a fee he says that the tenants satisfied the King by their own hands. It is found that the executors of the will of the collectors of the aid granted to King
Fol. 358. Edward the grandfather in the county of Somerset were charged amongst other things for 33*li.* 10*s.* Likewise that the said executors were charged for 60*s.* for three tenants of the bishop of Bath, one fee and a half in the same hundreds of Wynterstoke, Chyw and Wells, viz., from Geoffry de Hautvill holding half a fee in Norton Hautville, from Walter de Sutton holding half a fee in Sutton Militis, and from Henry son of Hamon holding half a fee in Stawey. It is likewise found (amongst other things) that the King was satisfied for all arrears of the accounts of the collectors of the aid granted to King Edward the grandfather, except for 75*li.* 7*s.*, within which sum the bishop says that the said 33*li.* 10*s.* are contained, and for which said 75*li.* 7*s.* William de Whitefeld, late sheriff of Somerset, was charged upon his account, &c. So that the bishop nor any of his predecessors ever paid the same 33*li.* 10*s.*, nor does the said bishop hold or did any of his predecessors ever hold any knight's fee or part of a knight's fee in the hundreds of Wynterstoke, Chyw and Wells, by which they ought of right to be charged for the aid now granted to the King, &c. It is commanded to the sheriff of Somerset that he cause 18 men of the hundreds of Wynterstoke, Chyw and Wells, Kyngesbury, Welwe and Bath foreyn to come here on the octaves of St. Michael to recognize, &c. The same day is given to the bishop to hear his judgment.

[After several adjournments] On the quindene of Holy Trinity the bishop came by his attorney and the sheriff did not return the writ. Therefore on the octaves of St. Michael, &c. And it was agreed that William de Peek, the remembrancer of this Exchequer, shall be assigned by commission to enquire concerning the premises and that he have inquisition here at the said octaves.

At which day the said William de Peek delivered here the

inquisition taken at Wells, on the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross in the 23rd year of the now King in the presence of the bishop appearing by Walter de Temedebury, his attorney, by the oath of John Ganard, Geoffrey atte Grene, Richard Overard and others. Who say upon their oath that neither the said bishop who now is nor any of his predecessors ever paid the 33*li.* 10*s.*, &c.

Therefore it is considered that the aforesaid bishop shall be discharged in respect of 33*li.* 10*s.* demanded from him for the aid aforesaid and let him be quit by pretext of the premises.

In the great roll of the 22nd year of King Edward iii in "Item Somerset et Dorset" (*sic.*)

The bishop of Bath and Wells owes 33*li.* 10*s.* for the same aid for 16½ fees and the fourth part of one fee there. But he does not owe therefore by the King's writ enrolled in the memoranda of this year in the term of Trinity and process thereof had, and also by the consideration of the barons noted in the memoranda of this year amongst the records for the term of Trinity.

And he is quit.

2429. iij Kal., March, A.D. above, at Wyvelscombe. The lord admitted John Wygot, of Estcoker, subdeacon, to the chantry in the parish church of Estcoker before the high cross, at the presentation of Hugh de Courtenay, earl of Devon.

2430. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph. Fol. 359

We have granted to Master Bernard Brocaz the prebend of St. Decuman in the church of Wells pertaining to our donation by reason of the bishopric of Bath and Wells lately being in the hand of the lord Edward, our grandfather. Admit the said Bernard to the said prebend and cause a stall to be assigned to him in the choir and a place in the chapter.

Witness, ourself, at Westminster, 26 Feb., in the 24th year of our reign.

2431. Writ to Bishop Ralph.

Pope John xxii reserved the first fruits of certain vacant

benefices for four years and granted a moiety thereof for our most urgent affairs, and 50*li.* are in arrear to us for the deanery of Wells.

Distrain Walter de London, dean of the said place, as before.

Witness, W. de Broclesby, at Westminster, 24 Feb., in the 24th year of our reign.

Received at Wyvelscombe on Sunday next before the feast of St. Gregory the Pope, year above.

2432. xvi Kal., April, year above.

The lord granted to Sir Walter Tinctor, rector of the church of Westlideford, that he can absent himself from his said church till the feast of St. John the Baptist. So that he cause his cure to be served by Sir Richard, vicar of Barton, in the meantime. To whom also the lord granted that he can celebrate divine services twice in the week at Westlideford.

2433. Bishop Ralph to the dean of Wells.

We commit our offices to you to proceed in the matter of the presentation to Master Bernard Brocaz by the King to the prebend of St. Decuman.

Wyvelescombe, viij Id., March, A.D. 1349.

2434. A.D. 1349, Jan. 9, in the guest-house of William, bishop of Winchester, in Southwark near London, John Wake asserting himself to be rector of the church of Orchàrde, diocese of Bath and Wells, resigned the said church.

Presentibus, Magistro Johanni de Woluelegh, canonico Sarum, et dicti domini Wyntonensis episcopi cancellario, Thoma de Celeshull, Willelmo Jolii et aliis.

And I, Nicholas de Kaerwent, clerk, of the diocese of Landaf, public notary, was present.

2435. xvij Kal., April, year above, at Wyvelscombe. The lord admitted John Pope, priest, to the parish church of Orcharde at the presentation of William, bishop of Winchester, by reason of the custody of the land and heir of Thomas Orcharde, deceased.

2436. xvi Kal., April, year above, at Wyvelscombe. The lord admitted Richard Fourde, acolyte, to the church of Nyweton Seyntlowe at the presentation of John de Sancto Laudo, knight.

2437. vij Kal., April, A.D. 1350, at Wyvelscombe. The lord admitted Sir Nicholas Uske, priest, to the vicarage of Chywton, vacant by the resignation of Nicholas de Fizkerton by reason of exchange for the church of the Apostles Philip and James, Bristol, at the presentation of the King by reason of the war.

Same day and place he admitted Nicholas de Fiskerton to the church of the Apostles Philip and James, Bristol.

2438. Same day and place. The lord admitted Roger de Feriby, chaplain, to the church of Tyntenhull, vacant by the resignation of William de Bolton, the late rector, at the presentation of William de Monte Acuto, earl of Salisbury, by the King's grant by reason of the custody of the priory of Montacute being in the King's hand.

2439. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph. Fol. 360.

Cause John Bodcly, chaplain, executor of the will of John de Herleston, of Brugewater, merchant, your clerk, to come before our justices at Westminster to answer to William de Herleston, clerk, of a plea that he, together with Agnes, daughter of John Godwyne, of Brugewater, co-executrix of the said John Bodcly, render to him 17*li.* 5*s.*

Witness, John de Stonore, at Westminster, 16 June, in the 24th year of our reign.

Return. We have cited John Bodcly to appear.

2440. Bishop Ralph to Robert Crox, rector of the church of St. Mary the greater, Ivelcestre.

Quia certis indiciis nobis constat evidenter quod ecclesia sancti Michaelis supra perticma que vocatur la Bowe apud Ivelcestriam nostre diocesis est *duratore officio* [?] destituta nec est qui parochianis ibidem existentibus sacramenta et sacramentalia valeat administrare Volentes animarum saluti providere ut tenemur tibi mandamus quatinus sacramenta et sacramentalia

parochianis predictis administres ac quod omnes redditus, proventus, fructus, decimas et oblationes ac omnia alia ad dictam ecclesiam obveniencia vice et auctoritate nostra unias, coligas et recipias quousque per nos aliud abueris in mandatis.

Datum apud Jatton.

2441. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

Cause Aylmer Le Botiler, parson of the church of Kyngesdon Seymor, to come before our justices to answer to Thomas de Berkele of a plea that he render to him 100*s*.

Witness, J. de Stonore, at Westminster, 30 Jan., in the 24th year of our reign.

Incipit annus Domini millesimus tricentesimus quinquagesimus.

2442. vij Id., April, A.D. 1350. The lord conferred the vicarage of the parish church of Cherde on Sir Richard Moyns, and he had a letter of induction the same day.

2443. v Id., April, year above.

Sir John Blank had a letter of induction to the vicarage of the prebendal church of Bedmynstre and Redeclyve at the presentation of Master Robert Baldok.

2444. Bishop Ralph to Nicholas de Pontesbury, rector of the church of Norton.

Whereas the deanery in our church of Wells being vacant by the death of Sir Walter de London, the custody of the same deanery and the taking of the fruits and obventions of the said deanery in the time of vacancy pertain to us of right, we appoint you our commissary general to proceed in all causes moved and to be moved at the instance of parties and also to hear and determine such causes and matters. And also to enquire into, correct and punish offences, crimes and excesses committed in the said jurisdiction of the dean, and also to absolve from sentences of excommunication, &c. And we commit our offices to you to take the homage and fealty of all tenants of the said deanery, to hold pleas and levy the perquisites of courts and

hundreds, and to distrain for them if necessary. and to cultivate the profit of meadows and pastures.

Wyvelescombe, 14 April, A.D. 1350.

2445. Bishop Ralph to Robert Crox, rector of the church of St. Mary the greater, of Ivelcestre. Fol. 361.

Because the tithes and other oblations falling to your church are known to be insufficient that they do not suffice for your sustentation, we grant you special licence to receive the fruits, &c., pertaining to the chantry in your church. So nevertheless that you cause masses and other divine offices to be celebrated according to the ordinance of the said chantry.

Dated at Jatton.

2446. vi Id., Aug., A.D. 1350. The lord admitted Richard Bulton, priest, to the parish church of Holeford at the presentation of the King by reason of the priory of Stokcurcy being in his hand on the occasion of the war.

2447. Bishop Ralph to the precentor and treasurer of Wells, and to the archdeacon of Bath.

Inter cetera que nostro incumbunt officio meditacione soluta et vigilante cura nos convenit advertere ut jura nostrarum ecclesiarum quibus presidemus illesa fruentur et inviolata custodiantur suaque in omnibus gaudeant libertate et tanto propencius et diligencius quanto contra jura et libertates conspicimus insurgere. Saneque fama laborantis ad aures nostras pervenit quod quidam iniquitatis filii seu salutis immemores quemdam Johannem de Pusselowe vicarium ecclesie nostre predictam contra sanctorum patrum constituciones et ecclesiarum libertates ab ecclesia nostra Wellensi vel ejus cimiterio in casu a jure non permisso contra ipsius voluntatem violenter abstraxerunt jura et libertates ecclesiasticas nequiter et maliciose in hac parte infringendo, necnon sententiam majoris excommunicacionis in dictis constitutionibus proinde latam si sit ita dampnabiliter incurrendo et presipue cum dictus Johannes occasione immunitatis habunde ad ecclesiam nostram Wellensem predictam confugere satagebat. Nos de hujusmodi facto ad plenum certiori volentes ut delinquentibus penam condignam

pro suis demeritis inponere valeamus ne delicta remaneant inpunita. Vobis aut duobus vestrum mandamus quatenus per bonos et fidedignos in numero competenti ad certos diem et locum per nos statuendos de forma et modo hujusmodi delictorum et utrum dictus Johannes cum immunitate habenda ad ecclesiam Wellensem predictam confugiebat cum celeritate quam poteritis fidelem faciatis inquisitionem quam vobis tenore presencium cum coercionis cuilibet canonice potestate. Et quid in premissis expedito hujusmodi inquisitionis negocio inveneritis nos in dominicam proximam post datam presencium per literas vestras patentes tunc tenorem continentes curetis reddere certiores.

2448. The official of the bishop of Bath and Wells, to the court of Canterbury and the president of the same.

I have received your mandate of 12 April, containing the tenour below written.

It has been intimated to us on the behalf of John Bouswayn, rector of Kyngeston, that he obtained the said church, and, fearing prejudice about his possession, appealed to the Apostolic See. But Master John de Sydenhale, canon of Wells, and Sir John de Risyngdon, rector of Jevele, pretending that they were the commissaries of Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, in the matter of privation, declaration and removal "dictum Johannem Bouswayn prefatam ecclesiam de Kyngeston et aliud quoddam beneficium ecclesiasticum quod de jure vel consuetudine cum dicta ecclesia simul optinere non potest nec poterat quovismodo simul adinvicem habuisse et absque auctoritate sufficienti quacumque potest et contra concilium generale in hac parte editum et ejus artacionem per mensem et menses de facto dampnabiliter tenuisse, quodque fructus, redditus et proventus spectantes ad eadem et provenientes ex eis, ipsa simul tenendo et pacifice possidendo habuit et percepit ac sic percipiendo fructus, redditus et preventus ecclesie de Kyngeston predicte post assecucionem alterius prefati incompassibilis beneficii dum eadem ecclesia virtute generalis concilii antedicti fuerat ipso jure privatus, rem alienam illicite contractavit, ac de et in eis furtum quodammodo commisit et rapinam; asserentes eciam quamvis indebite ipsum ex hoc irregularitatem contraxisse

ad privacionem dicti Johannis Bouswayn ecclesia sua de Kyngeston predicta et ammocionem ab ea seu declarationem vacacionis ejusdem ex officio procedere satagentes, nulla fide facta de ipsorum in ea parte potestate dicto Johanni Bouswayn certis die et loco sibi ad hoc assignatis quemdam articulum ad finem effectum privacionis, amocionis seu declaracionis hujusmodi contra eundem editum seu formatum nimis generale vagum et obscuram ac multipliciter inepte conceptum porrexerunt. Et quamquam pars dicti Johannis Bouswayn copias commissionis sive potestatis ipsorum pretensorum commissariorum pretextu quarum contra ipsum in ea parte procedere intendebant ac omnium aliorum actorum judicialium in ea parte habitorum contra eum, quas pars ejusdem nunquam habuit et de jure habere debuit, necnon debitam emendacionem et declaracionem articuli predicti sine quibus super eodem deliberare aut eidem commode seu convenienter respondere non valebat sibi dari, decerni, concedi et efficaciter fieri congruis loco et tempore cum instancia debita petivisset. Prefati tamen pretensi commissarii peticionibus dicti Johannis Bouswayn hujusmodi omnibus et singulis spretis pariter et neglectis in dicto negocio contra eum ad actus peticionibus suis prejudiciales ulterius processerunt.

Ac ad procedendum, faciendum et recipiendum ulterius in prefato negocio diem ad honorem Dei notorie feriatum prefixerunt eidem ipsumque circa jus et possessionem suam hujusmodi multipliciter molestarunt, inquietarunt, et turbarunt minus juste, &c. Fol. 362.

Wherefore we order you that you inhibit the said reverend father and the prebendal commissaries, and cite the said commissaries.

Haregh, vij Id., April, A.D. 1350.

By authority of which mandate I have inhibited the said venerable father and the pretended commissaries, and I have cited the pretended commissaries and others.

Wyvelescombe, 14 April, A.D. 1350.

2449. Writ to Bishop Ralph.

Wishing for certain causes to be certified if the prebend of St. Decuman in the church of Wells was vacant at the time of the

vacancy of the bishopric after the death of William de Marchia, your predecessor, or not, and if so, then by whose death, and who was next admitted to the said prebend, and at whose collation, by what title, and at what time, and for how long the vacancy lasted. We order you, that by inspection of your register, and the registers of your predecessors you certify us of what you find.

Witness, ourself, at Westminster, 20 March, in the 24th year of our reign.

2450. Bishop Ralph to Walter de la Rode, chaplain.

We admit you to the perpetual chantry of St. Martin in our church of Wells to which you are presented by the abbot and convent of Muchelneye, and we institute you as perpetual chaplain.

Wyvelescomb, xiij Kal., May, A.D. 1350.

Bishop Ralph to William, canon of Wells.

We have instituted Walter de la Rode, chaplain, to the perpetual chantry of St. Martin in our church of Wells. We order you that you induct the said Walter.

The abbot and convent of Muchelneye to Bishop Ralph.

We present Walter de la Rode to the perpetual chantry in the chapel of St. Martin in the church of Wells, to celebrate for the soul of John de Somerton, late abbot of Muchelneye, and the whole convent there.

Muchelneye, 15 April, A.D. 1350.

2451. Bishop Ralph to Thomas Larder, chaplain.

We institute you to the vicarage of Netherestoweye to which you are presented by the King by reason of the priory of Goldclyve being in his hand.

2452. Stephen, vicar of the prebendal church of Clyve, to Sir Walter de London, dean of Wells.

Fol. 363. I have lately received your mandate under this form. Walter de London, dean of Wells, to the perpetual vicar of Clyve. We have received the King's writ in these words.

Edward by the grace of God, King of England, &c., to the dean and chapter of St. Andrew, of Wells. Whereas we have given and granted to our dearest clerk, Master Bernard Brocas, the prebend of St. Decuman in the said church, we order you that you assign to the said Bernard a stall in the choir and a place in the chapter.

Witness, ourself, at Westminster, 26 Feb., in the 24th year of our reign.

And also the letters of commission of Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, to induct the said Bernard. Which being received and understood by us, the said dean, we admitted the said Sir Bernard, in the person of Robert Adymet, his proxy, and caused a stall and place to be assigned to him. Wherefore we commit to you and order that you induct the said Bernard.

Dated at Wells, 17 March, A.D. 1349.

By authority of which mandate I have caused the said Master B. Brocas, in the person of Robert Adymet, his proxy, to be inducted.

St. Decuman, 19 March, A.D. above.

Instrumentum publicum.

Let it manifestly appear to all men by the present public instrument that A.D. 1349, March 17, a certain Robert Adymond, clerk, the proxy, as he asserted, of Master Bernard Brocas, rector of the church of St. Nicholas, of Guldeford, diocese of Winchester, having power and order from his said lord to demand admission to any benefice, prebend or dignity in his name, as appeared by inspection of a certain public instrument made by the hand of Master Robert Pernecote, public notary, in the presence of me, the public notary and witnesses below written, before the venerable and discreet men Sir Walter de London, dean of Wells, Masters William de Luttelton, precentor, John de Wamberge, William de Salton, John de London, Richard de Carleton, Stephen de Hull, Sirs Richard de Rodeneye, Henry de Fulham, John de Hywsch, William de Kynardesleye, canons of the said church being present and forming the chapter, it was demanded in the first instance from the said dean by the said proxy that he should admit him to the prebend of St. Decuman, and in the second instance from the dean and chapter that

they should assign to him a stall in the choir and a place in the chapter.

At length the said dean admitted the said Master Bernard
Fol. 364. in the person of his proctor, and subsequently the dean and chapter committed their offices *vive vocis oraculo* to Sir John de Hulle, vicar in the said church, to assign to the said Master B. or his proxy a stall in the choir and place in chapter. The said John de Hull, on the said day, assigned a stall and place to the said Master Bernard in the person of his said proxy.

(The King's letters patent, granting the prebend to Bernard Brocas are here recited.)

These things were done the year, &c., abovesaid.

Present, Master John de Cristelton, John de Sarum, Robert de Gloucestria, and Adam Le Gardyner, clerks.

And I, Richard de Horsford, clerk, of the diocese of Exeter, public notary, was present.

2453. Indulgencia concessa Hospitali Sancti Spiritus.

Bishop Ralph to the archdeacons of his diocese and their officials, the deans, rectors, vicars and parish priests and others celebrating the divine offices in the chapels within his diocese.

We ask and exhort all of you that, when the brethren of the said hospital or their true messengers come to ask the pious alms of the faithful, you admit them kindly and favourably and study to expound the indulgences which are granted to benefactors of the said hospital. And whatsoever shall happen to be collected deliver to the said brethren. These presents are to last for one year.

Blakeford, viij Id., July, A.D. 1350.

2454. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

Fol. 365. Wishing for certain causes to be certified whether Master Bernard Brocas has been admitted to the prebend of St. Decuman by virtue of our collation and mandate or not, we order you that you certify us without delay in our chancery.

Witness ourself, at Westminster, 17 April, in the 24th year of our reign.

We, Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, certify you that Master Bernard Brocas was admitted 17 March, A.D. 1349.

Wyvelscombe, 5 May, A.D. 1350.

2455. viij Id., May, A.D. 1350. The lord admitted John Andrew, chaplain, to the parish church of Writlington at the presentation of Robert de Askeby, canon of Salisbury and prebendary of Writlington cum Fordyngton.

2456. vij Id., May, year above, at Wyvelescomb. The lord admitted William Bey to the parish church of Tymbresbergh at the presentation of William, bishop of Winchester, and lord of the manor of Tymbresbergh.

2457. iij Id., Id., May, year above, at Wyvelescomb. The lord gave licence to John le Warde, of Northaston, rector of the church of Oturhampton, to absent himself from his church for a year, and follow the study of letters.

2458. xv Kal. June, year above, at Wyvelescomb. The lord admitted Richard Baker, to the vicarage of the parish church of Stoklond at the presentation of brother Richard de Yate, master of the house of St. Marcius of Billeswyke, near Bristol, and the convent of the same place.

2459. 4 June, year above, at Wyvelscomb.

The lord admitted John Hervy, chaplain, to the parish church of Halton to which he was presented by the King by reason of the custody of the lands and heir of William de Botreaux, deceased, being in his hand.

2460. Ordinatio facta per R. Bathon et Wellen' episcopum de una cantaria in hospitali sancti Johannis Baptiste Wellarum. Bishop Ralph to all, &c.

By the licence of the lord the King, all other things according by the tenour of these presents we give and grant to the prior of the hospital of St. John of our city of Wells, and to the brethren of the same place all the rents, issues, lands, messuages, and tenements which we had of the gift or feoffment of William de Luttelton, and William de Bourwardesleye as is more fully

contained by their charters made to us thereof. To have and to hold to the said prior and brethren and their successors for ever.

Paying therefor annually the services due and accustomed. The same prior and brethren are for ever bound to pay 6 marks to a certain chaplain to celebrate masses for us whilst we live and for our soul when we pass from this light, and for the soul of John de Somerton, formerly abbot of Muchelneye, and the souls of all his successors and of all of the convent at the altar of St. Martin in our church of Wells.

The abbot and convent of Muchelnye shall present to us and our successors as often as the chantry shall happen to be vacant. The same prior and brethren shall provide one brother, a priest, and professed of the said hospital to celebrate masses in the said hospital for us and for the soul of William, formerly abbot of Salop, and the souls of our predecessors and successors, and of all the faithful deceased for ever, every day. We ordain that the number of nine brethren and professed priests in the hospital shall be increased by one brother, a priest, and professing their rule. And the tenth brother is bound to celebrate masses for us and the souls of the other deceased for ever. If it happen that the means of the said hospital do not suffice for so great a number of brethren then the prior and brethren shall be bound to call upon one of their brethren to celebrate. We ordain that the prior and brethren of the said hospital every day whilst we live, on the morrow of the Purification, and on the day of our death shall pray to God for us and shall cause 40*d.* to be distributed to the poor on the same day in special memory of us whilst we are alive and after our death. In case that the prior and brethren shall be deficient in the payment of the said 6 marks to the said chaplain, the house or hospital of St. John, of our city of Wells aforesaid, shall be bound to pay 40*s.* to be applied to the fabric of our said church of Wells. And, to do that, the warden of the same fabric who for the time shall be shall compel and distrain the said prior and brethren by the rents of the said lands and tenements. We also inhibit the said prior and brethren that they do not alienate the said rents, &c.

Fol. 366.

Wyvelscomb, v Id., April, A.D. 1350.

vi Non., May, year above, at Wyvelescomb. The lord admitted brother John Hayleward, brother of the hospital of

Wells, to the chantry which the lord ordained in the same hospital according to the form of the ordinance above written.

2461. v Id., May, year above.

The lord gave licence to John Strode, rector of the church of Sevenhampton, that he can celebrate masses on Sundays and feasts in the chapel of Denyngton although he shall first have celebrated mass in his church of Sevenhampton, till the feast of St. Michael next following.

2462. ij Id., June, year above, at Wyvelescomb. The lord admitted Master John de Schepton to the parish church of Cherleton Makerel at the presentation of Ralph de Horsy.

2463. Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, to all, &c. Fol. 367.

Nos de Dei misericordia sueque matris gloriose, sanctorum Petri et Andree patronorum omniumque sanctorum meritis et precibus confidentes omnibus parochianis nostris et aliis quorum diocesani hanc nostram indulgenciam ratam habuerint et acceptam de peccatis suis vere penitentibus et contritis qui ad hospitale de Bruggewater nostre diocesis in honore Dei beatissime Marie Virginis matris sue ac sancti Johannis Baptiste et sancti Johannis Ewangeliste constructum in quo pauperes Christi debiles et infirmi undique confluentes recipiuntur et recreantur honeste causa devocionis accesserint, vel illius hospitalis fabrice seu ad sustentacionem egenorum in eodem existencium dexteram caritatis ostenderint vel manus qualitercunque porrexerint adjutrices aut orationem dominicam cum salutacione Angelica pro benefactoribus dicti hospitalis ac pro animabus quorum corpora in eodem hospitali in Christo quiescunt humata, et pro pace et tranquillitate regis et regni Anglie dixerint mente pia, viginti dies de injuncta sibi penitentia misericorditer relaxamus, &c.

vij Id., July, A.D. 1350.

2464. xv Kal., Aug., year above, at Banewell. The lord admitted William Cammel, canon of Wells, to the office of the subdeanery of Wells by reason of exchange with the church of Jevelton, pertaining to his own collation.

Same day and place. The lord admitted John Aunger, canon of Wells, to the church of Jevelton by reason of exchange with the office of the subdeanery of Wells, pertaining to his own collation.

2465. vij Id., July, year above, at Blakeford. The lord admitted William Redman, chaplain, to the church of Chyriton at the presentation of the King by reason of the custody of the land and heir of John Lovel, deceased.

2466. The official of the court of Canterbury to Master Richard de Thormerton, treasurer of the church of Wells, and to the archdeacon of Wells.

It has been intimated to us on the behalf of the chapter of the cathedral church of Wells that, whereas by ancient and laudable custom observed from a time of which the memory of man is not to the contrary, all jurisdiction over whatsoever places and persons of the deanery of Wells and dwelling in its jurisdiction, territory or district pertaining in any manner to the dean and the custody of the same, and also of the rights and liberties of the same, and the collection taking, preserving and keeping of certain goods, rents, fruits and issues, pertain to the chapter of the said church of Wells for the whole time of the vacancy of the said deanery, on the behalf of the said chapter, fearing prejudice, it was appealed to the Apostolic see and for the protection of the court of Canterbury, Master Thomas de Bocton sometimes pretending to be the com-
Fol. 367a. missary of Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, and sometimes his official, not withstanding the said appeal and other the premises by the authority and order of the said father, warned Masters Richard de Carleton, John de Wamberge and Nicholas de Iford, clerks, officials of the said chapter, now vacant by the death of Sir Walter de London, that they should desist from all exercise of ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the dean and that they should permit the said bishop and himself in his name to use the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the dean under pain of greater excommunication. And the said Master Thomas publicly inhibited any one of the said chapter from obeying the keepers or officials. And the said Master Thomas and Master Simon de Fareweye, likewise pretending that he was the commissary of the

said father, and Richard Sowy, the pretended apparitor of the said father, ordered and caused Sir John Boushayn and John Bondych, perpetual vicars in the said church, and also Philip, perpetual vicar of the church of St. Cuthbert, of Wells Joan Hawyse, Alice Redhod, Magota Bollock, Alice Horn and several other men and women, notoriously being in the jurisdiction of the dean of Wells, to be cited before them and objected or caused to be objected against the said vicars the crime of grave fornication with certain women in the said jurisdiction of the dean. Inhibit the said reverend father, Master Thomas de Bocton and Simon Fareweye, and Richard Sowy and cite them to appear before us or another president of the said court.

London, xvi Kal., May, A.D. 1350.

Which mandate I received 23rd April in the year before written By authority of which I went to the manor of Wyvelescomb, where the said father lives, on the 24th day of the same month about the 3rd hour of the same day, and standing at the door, which was then closed and locked, I rang for a long time and asked ingress to be given to execute the mandate aforesaid, but no one would open to me. Wherefore, so standing at the door, I openly exposed the said mandate and cited the aforesaid father to appear in the form ordered to me. Master Thomas de Bocton is said to be at London or in the city of York. I have caused Master Simon de Farwey to be sought in his church by a sworn messenger, but neither he nor Richard Sowy could be found, but I cited the said Masters Thomas, Simon and Richard, who are said to be servants of the same father, on the said 24th day at the door aforesaid in form commanded me.

2467. Robert, bishop of Salisbury, to Bishop Ralph.

We have received your letters under this form :—

Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, to Robert, bishop of Salisbury. Master Richard Corbyn, of Wynkely, rector of the church of St. Mary, of Walton in Bredstret, of your diocese, and Walter Godmans . . , rector of the church of Westdouelisch, of our diocese, propose to exchange their said benefices. We commit our offices to you to institute the said Richard to the church of Westdouelissch at the presentation of Isabella Wake.

Wyvelescomb, ij Kal., July, A.D. 1350.

Having enquired therefore, by your authority, we have instituted the said Master Richard Corbyn, in the person of Master Adam de Dychamton, his proxy, to the church of Westdouelissch.

Dated at our manor of Potern, 21 June, A.D. above.

Fol. 369. 2468. Bishop Ralph to brother Hugh de Somerton of the order of Friars Preachers.

We grant you licence to preach in our diocese and to hear confessions, at the presentation of brother Gregory de Sancto Michaela, prior provincial of the order of Preachers.

Banewell, x Kal., Aug.

2469. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

Pope John xxii reserved to himself the first fruits of certain vacant benefices and granted a moiety thereof to be expended on our most urgent affairs, and 50*li.* of arrears of the same fruits for the second year are in arrear for the deanery of Wells. Distrain Roger de Stoke, chaplain, a clerk of your diocese, one of the executors of Walter de London, late dean of Wells.

Witness, G. de Wilford, at Westminster, 15 June, in the 24th year of our reign.

Return. We have caused Roger de Stoke to be distrained.

2470. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

Distrain Master William de Luttelton, precentor of Wells, executor of the will of Roger de Cherleton, deceased, late archdeacon of Taunton, and subcollector of the quadrennial tenth reserved to Pope John xxii in the said archdeaconry, to satisfy us for 9*li.* 17*s.* 11*d* of arrears.

Witness, G. de Wilford, at Westminster, 12 July, in the 24th year of our reign.

Return. We have caused the said Master William de Luttleton to be distrained.

2471. xix Kal., Sept., A.D. 1350, at Banewell. The lord admitted William de la More, priest, to the parish church of Cricheston [vacant] by the resignation of Hugh de Wystanstowe the last rector, at the presentation of John de Barton.

2472. xiij Kal., Sept., A.D. above, at Banewell. The lord admitted William Tailour, priest, of the diocese of St. David's, to the vicarage of the parish church of Wemedon [vacant] by the resignation of Richard Hod, at the presentation of the master and brethren of the hospital of St. John of Bruggewater.

2473. Ralph, bishop of London, to Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells.

We have received the mandate of Simon, archbishop of Canterbury, which we intimate to you by the tenour of these presents.

Simon permissione divina Cantuariensis archiepiscopus, &c., venerabili fratri nostro Radulpho Dei gratia episcopo London' salutem et fraternam in Domino caritatem. Effrenata generis humani cujus conatus nisi justicia sua virtute reprimeret, ita ex sibi malicia iniciata excresceret, quod caritas extra mundi terminos exularet. Sane communis ad nos querela perduxit, et magistra rerum efficax experiencia manifestat quod sacerdotes qui jam supersunt, non considerantes quod ad execucionem misterii sibi commissi, propter populum Dei et utilitatem publicam, non propter sua merita, disposicione divina, a periculis pestilencie preterite preservantur, nec erubescentes quod eorum insaciabilis avaricia, ab aliis operariis eciam laicis, nequiter et pernicose trahitur in exemplum ; de animarum cura que ceteris curis, a ministris, preser*tum* ecclesiasticis, est merito preferenda, non curant ; ad quam cum quis invi*tas* assumitur ; si humiliter pareat, de majori poterit merito gloriari. Sed curas animarum gerere negligunt et onera curatorum mutua supportare, quinimo eis penitus derelictis ; ad celebranda anualia et ad alia pecularia se referunt obsequenda, ut sic antiquas possunt insolencias liberius revocare, stipendiis competentibus et solitis non contenti, sed pro eorum serviciis, stipendia exigunt excessiva, sic quod sub nomine simplici et labore debili, majore sibi lucra vendicant, quam curati. Unde eveniet nisi eorum irrationabiles appetitus ad equitatis regulam reducatur, tum propter hujusmodi frequentacionem anualium, tum propter stipendiorum suorum quantitatem nullo libramine moderatum ; plures immo plurime tam nostre quam vestre diocesis et tocius nostre provincie ecclesie, prebende et capelle remanebunt sacerdotum obsequiis

destitute, et quod dolores nobis accumulat, curati faciliter propter simile modum ad obsequia similia se convertent, derelictis penitus suis curis. Volentes igitur hujusmodi sacerdotum insaciabile desiderium, propter predicta pericula et alia dispendia gravia que ulterior conniventia adiceret remediis quibus convenit refrenare. Fraternitatem vestram requirimus, &c.[1]

Fol. 370. Maghfield, v Kal., June, A.D. 1350.

We also enjoin you that you take care to certify the said venerable father of all that you do in the premises before the feast of the B. Virgin Mary. Storteford, vi Id., June, A.D. above.

2474. vii Kal., Sept., A.D. above, at Banewelle. The lord admitted Master Henry de Bennecote, clerk, to the parish church of Bradeford, [vacant] by the resignation of Master John de Milton, at the presentation of the said Master John, lord of the manor of Bradeford.

2475. Bishop Ralph to the rectors of Hocton and Axebrugge, and the perpetual vicars of Banewell, Compton, Congresbury, Jacton, Cheddre and Wynescomb. Copiosa multitudo ad nos undique confluens querulis et clamosis insinuacionibus nostris auribus intimavit, avaricie cevitatem et dampnande improbitatem ambicionis operariorum et servientium, qui 'laborers' vulgariter nuncupantur, in nostra diocese animos exorcantes in tantam temeritatem inpellise, ut pactum ab eis initum juramento vallatum de serviendo fideliter eisdem cum quibus convenerunt in operis quibus sunt instructi, necnon et sacramentum corporale a dictis operariis omnibus et singulis, cujuscumque generis et condicionis existentibus in predicta nostra diocese moram facientibus, per Justiciarios excellentissimi principis et domini nostri Edwardi Dei gracia regis Anglie et Francie prudenter et pro utilitate publica exactum, et ab eisdem tactis sacrosanctis evangeliis prestitum, quod pro mercede et stipendiis laboris eorundem a tempore juramenti hujusmodi interpositi amplius non recipiant quam anno vicesimo regni sui Anglie percipere consueverunt. Ex puteo

[1] Printed in "Wilkins' Concilia," vol. iii. p.i.

insaciabilis avaricie lucrum sicientes iniquum temere et contemptibiliter violantes, vasa ire sue salutis inmemores perjurium incurrere non verentur, mentique eorundum in omnem viam malicie coinquinata cum iniquitate fedus inierunt justiciam et equitatem extra terram prescribere satagentes, &c.

We order you and each of you that you cause all labourers dwelling in your parishes to be admonished that, observing their agreements inviolably in future, they take care to reform their broken treaties with all the haste they can.

Banewell, xii Kal., Sept., A.D. 1350.

2476. Kal., Sept., A.D. above, at Woky. The lord admitted John Reynold, chaplain, to the vicarage of the parish church of Mountagu at the presentation of William de Monte Acuto, earl of Salisbury, by reason of the custody of the priory of Mountagu granted to him by the King during the war.

2477. Bishop Ralph, executor, to provide Walter Benedicti, of Nyweton, a poor clerk of the diocese of Salisbury, with an ecclesiastical benefice at the collation or presentation of the abbot and convent of Keynesham, to Masters Thomas de Bolton, Philip de Codeford, William Doune, doctors of law, and Masters Robert Baldoc, William Nassyngton, Richard de Nuthanene, John de Woluele, John de Camera, Ralph de Querendon, Bartholomew de Bradden, canons of Salisbury, and Masters William de Saxeby and Nicholas Russel, rectors of Kynele and Corscomb, diocese of Salisbury. We commit our offices to you to provide a benefice for the said poor clerk. Fol. 371.

Banewell, xiii Kal., Sept., A.D. 1350.

Tercio die Septembris mutatur annus consecrationis domini Radulphi Dei gratia Bathon' et Wellen' episcopi, videlicet vicesimus secundus.

2478. viii Id., Sept., A.D. 1350, at Chyw. The lord admitted John Atte Brugge, chaplain, to the parish church of Skillegate, [vacant] by the resignation of John Bonedich the last rector, at the presentation of Robert Fitz Payn.

2479. xvi Kal., Oct., year above, at Pokelchurch. The lord admitted John de Bathonia, priest, to the parish church of Ferschford, [vacant] by the resignation of John de Chepstowe the last rector, at the presentation of William de Iford.

2480. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

Wishing for certain causes to be certified if the prebend of St. Decuman was vacant (as in the writ dated 20 March 24 Edw. iii, No. 2449).

Witness, ourself, at Wynchelse, 28 Aug., in the 24th year of our reign.

[Return.] Our registers having been diligently searched we could not in any manner be informed concerning the vacancy of the prebend of St. Decuman, but, by inspection of the register of the dean and chapter of Wells and by other informations. We have found that the said prebend was filled in the time of bishop William de Marchia and throughout the whole time of the vacancy of the bishopric of Bath and Wells by the death of the said William de Marchia, and before, and throughout the whole time of Walter de Haselsshagh, and throughout the whole time of the vacancy of the bishopric by the death of the said Walter, and for some time of John de Drokenesforde by a certain Robert de Gloucestre, canon of Wells.

2481. iii Kal., Oct., year above, at Midsomersnorton. The lord admitted William Wodelond, chaplain, to the chantry of St. Edmund the archbishop, of Whatleigh, at the presentation of Elizabeth, relict of Sir Oliver de Cervynton, knight.

2482. Kal., Oct., year above, at Evercrich. The lord admitted Walter de Sevenhampton, priest, to the parish church of Rympton, at the presentation of William, bishop of Winchester.

2483. Same day and place. The lord admitted John Tryvet, priest, to the vicarage of Kyngeston, vacant by the resignation of William de Ayschelygh, by reason of exchange with the chantry of the chapel of La Forde, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bruton.

Same day and place. The lord admitted William de Ayslegh, priest, to the chantry of the chapel of La Forde, vacant by the resignation of John Tryvet, at the presentation of Richard de London, knight.

2484. Bishop Ralph to Master Stephen de Hulle, canon of Wells. Fol. 372.

We received the mandate of Ralph, bishop of London, on the 4th day of October, under the tenour which follows. We have received the letters of Simon, archbishop of Canterbury, containing the series of words below written. [The letter which follows, and is dated at Dover vii Kal., Aug., A.D. 1350, and refers to collecting the expenses of Bernard de Caulasone, the apostolic nuncio, is printed in "Wilkins's Concilia," vol. iii, p. 9.]

And although we suppose we are by no means bound to execute such Apostolic mandates outside our cities and diocese directed to the said reverend father, nevertheless, to relieve the person of the said venerable father from charge by reason of the premises we have thought fit to execute them this time. We order you that you cause the money to be collected.

Croudon, ii Non., Sept., A.D. above.

Bishop Ralph to the archdeacon of Taunton or his official. Fol. 373.

We have received the letters of Ralph, bishop of London, under the tenour which follows. We have received the letters of Simon, archbishop of Canterbury, containing this series of words, Simon, &c. Cum igitur excellentissimus et christianissimus rex noster ad elidendam Ispanorum nequiciam, sibi contra fedus dudum inter antecessores suos et ipsorum reges initum, adversancium, jam de novo et in subversionem machinancium navigii Anglicani, pro tuicione sancte ecclesie et succursu regni sui de consilio procerum suorum cum excercitu suo profecturus, &c. [Printed in "Wilkins's Concilia" vol. iii, pp. 2 and 3.] Datum apud Maghfeld xiij Kalend., Septembris, anno Domini millesimo tricentesimo quinquagesimo, et consecrationis nostre primo.

By authority of which letters we order you that you diligently execute the same letters.

Croudon, Kal., Sept., A.D. above.

We therefore order you that prayers be offered to God and the other acts of piety be done to which the letters of the archbishop exhort the faithful people of his province.

Evercrych, vi Id., October, in the year above.

Fol. 374. 2485. viii Id., Oct., A.D. 1350, at Evercrych. The lord admitted Peter Lange, of Avebury, priest, to the vicarage of the church of Somerton, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Muchelneye.

2486. vii Id., Oct., year above, at Evercrych. The lord conferred the church of Stanlegh on John Cryspyn, priest, vacant by the resignation of Nicholas Maunsel, and pertaining to his collation by reason of the lordship of the manor of Stanlegh.

2487. Same day and place. The lord admitted Walter de Nywelond, priest, to the vicarage of Milton, vacant by the resignation of Thomas Janekyns, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bruton.

2488. iv Non., Oct., at Evercrych. The lord admitted Nicholas Fladebury, priest, to the vicarage of Estbrente, vacant by the resignation of Nicholas de Sowy, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glaston.

Same day and place. The lord admitted Nicholas Sowy to the vicarage of Southbrente, vacant by the resignation of Nicholas de Fladebury, at the presentation of Master Thomas Fastolf, archdeacon of Wells.

2489. iij Id., Oct., year above, at Evercrych. The lord admitted Walter de Ethenau, priest, to the vicarage of Cheddre, vacant by the resignation of Nicholas de Schymnygfeld, by reason of exchange with the vicarage of Boclond, diocese of Salisbury, at the presentation of John de Wambergh, canon of Wells and perpetual *firmarius* of the church of Cheddre.

2490. Same day and place. The lord granted to William de

Cokham, rector of the church of Calwston, that he could let his church to farm to any fit parson for three years.

2491. xv Kal., Nov., year and place above. The lord admitted William Esch, priest, to the vicarage of Nygenhuyde, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Cryspyn, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Taunton.

2492. Renunciatio vicarie ecclesie Wellensis a Johanne Bouswayn facta. I, John Bonswayn, rector of the church of Kyngesdon, diocese of Bath and Wells, in the presence of Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, in his chamber at Evercrich, x Kal., Nov., A.D. 1350, have renounced all appeals concerning the said venerable father or any of his ministers, and also all processes, causes and lawsuits in the courts of Rome and Canterbury and the vicarage which I then held in the church of Wells and have given up the same vicarage into the sacred hands of the said venerable father.

2493. Writ to Bishop Ralph.

Because the clerks underwritten are beneficed in your diocese, having no lay fee as Thomas Cary, our sheriff of Somerset and Dorset, has testified, we command you that you cause the debts underwritten to be levied from their ecclesiastical goods and benefices, viz., from the rector of Portland 40*s.* for the biennial tenth granted to us by the clergy in the 12th and 14th years of our reign. From the rector of Worth and Swanewych 4*li.* 4*s.*, viz., 56*s.* for the same years, and 28*s.* for the third year of the triennial tenth granted by the clergy in the 11th year. From Richard Gredon, parson of a moiety of the church of Wymborn Karoutham for the annual tenth granted in the 16th year, 5*s.* From Walter de Babyngle, parson of the church of Wymborn Krentham for the second year of the same tenth, 5*s.* From the rector of Spectebury 20*s.*, for the third year of the triennial tenth, and 20*s.* for the first and second year. From the rector of Dounton 13*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.* From the dean of Morteyne 4*s.* From the Prior de Periculo Maris, 4 marks. From Richard, son of Richard Boueyn, parson of the church of Netelton, for divers amercements, 2*s.* 2*d.* From the church of Immere 40*s.*

for the triennial tenth. From the prior of Morteyn for the same tenth, *7s.* 9¾*d.* From the archdeacon of Dorset for the same tenth *7li.* 6*s.* 8*d.* From the rector of Wynkefeld for the same tenth, 16*s.* From William de Piggesleye, executor of the will of Richard Rodeneye, knight, for his issues forfeited *7s.* From William de Elmedon, parson of the church of Senebergh for disseisin, 40*d.* From John de Tyldelsyde, parson of the church of Westalmere. for a false claim, 40*d.*

Witness, G. de Welford, at Westminster, 11 Oct., in the 24th year of our reign.

Return. The rector of Portland and the others, except the prior de Periculo Maris, William Piggesleye and William de Elmedon are not beneficed in our diocese. The said prior, William and William have no goods or chattels in our diocese.

Fol. 375. 2494. iv Kal., Dec., A.D. 1350, at Wyvelscombe. The lord admitted Richard Gregory, chaplain, to the chantry of Kyngesalre, vacant by the resignation of John Valerian, at the presentation of John de Acton, knight.

2495. ii Kal., Dec., year above, at Wyvelscombe. The lord admitted John Kiky, priest, to the vicarage of the church of Wemedon at the presentation of brother Thomas de Cadicote, master and convent of the hospital of St. John the Baptist, of Brugge Walteri.

2496. iij Non., Dec., year above, at Wyvelescomb. The lord admitted Sir William de Somerforde, priest of the diocese of Salisbury, to the succentory in the cathedral church of Wells pertaining to his collation. William de Cammel, subdean of Wells, to induct.

2497. Know present and to come that we, Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, have granted licence to Elias de Corscomb and William de Codeworth, clerk, that they can give and assign 4 messuages, with their appurtenances, in Wells to Master William de Luttelton, precentor of our church of St. Andrew, of Wells, and to his successors, precentors there, in aid of a chaplain to celebrate divine services every day for the healthful estate of

Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, and the aforesaid Elias, William, and the precentor whilst they live and for their souls when they pass from this light, and also for the souls of the father and mother of the said precentor, &c., and for the souls of Roger de Mortuo Mari and Michael de Eston and all the faithful deceased at the altar of the B. Mary near the entry of the choir. To have and to hold, &c., for ever. Saving to us and our successors for ever 6*s.* 8*d.* of annual rent to be taken from the said messuages.

2498. Simon, archbishop of Canterbury, to all his bishops and suffragans. We have received the Apostolic letters, together with the letters of Sir Raymund Pelegrini, canon of London, chaplain of our lord the pope, and nuncio of the Apostolic See, destined to the parts of England, in these words:

Raymund Pelegrini, canon of London, &c., to the archbishop of Canterbury and his vicar, &c. Know that we have received the apostolic letters in these words. Clement, the bishop, &c., to the archbishops and bishops, &c. throughout England. Whereas beloved son, we destine our Raymund Pelegrini, canon of London, Fol. 376. &c., to the parts of England for certain great and arduous affairs, we require and exhort all of you that you take care to provide the same Raymund with 6 florins of gold and safe conduct when he shall pass through your parts, and if he shall happen to stay in any lands or places of yours for any just cause we will that, not only the prelates and parsons of churches of the said lands and places, but also the archbishops, bishops, elect, abbots, priors, deans, wardens, &c., are bound to contribute to the charges.

Avinion, iij Non., Sept., in the 9th year of our pontificate.

By force therefore of the said letters we, Raymund Pelegrini, canon of London, &c., require you the said lord archbishop and others to whom the present process is directed and command you take care to provide 258 florins of gold of Florence of good weight or the value of the same of current money for 40 days which we have contracted and intend to contract in coming, staying and returning, and cause them to be paid to Master Hugh Pelegrini, Treasurer of Lichfield, and nuncio of the Apostolic See in England.

Cherrynge, diocese of Canterbury, 8 Nov., A.D. 1350. Present Fol. 377.

Sir Roger de Fereby, rector of the church of Tyntenhull, diocese of Bath, and Walter de Nettleton, priest, of the diocese of Lincoln. And I, William Robberti, clerk, of the diocese of Canterbury, public notary, was present.

We (the archbishop) order you that you cause the sum to be collected from every 40*s.* of all ecclesiastical goods and cause it to be paid to Master Alan de Hothum, canon of London, the receiver appointed by us, within fifteen days after the lapse of the said two months, &c.

Maydenston, xv Kal., Dec., A.D. 1350.

2499. xx Kal., Jan., year above, at Wyvelscomb. The lord admitted William Benet, chaplain, to the chantry of the chapel of St. John the Baptist in Southpederton, vacant by the resignation of — Fromond, to which he was presented by Sir Ralph de Albamarl.

2500. xviij Kal., Jan., year above, at Wyvelscombe. The lord admitted Richard de Anesy, chaplain, to the church of Ore, at the presentation of Marg[aret] Kelly.

2501. Writ to Bishop Ralph.

Because Master William de Lutleton, precentor of the church of Wells, executor of the will of Roger de Cherleton, late archdeacon of Totton, and collector of the quadrennial tenth reserved to Pope John xxii, is a clerk and beneficed in your diocese, having no lay fee in the county of Devon. We order you, as heretofore, that you distrain the said Master William to satisfy us for the said Roger for 9*li.* 17*s.* 11*d.* of the said tenth.

Witness, G. de Wilford, at Westminster, 16 Nov., in the 24th year of our reign.

2502. xiv. Kal., Jan., at Wyvelescomb. The lord admitted Nicholas de Webbeleye, priest, of the diocese of Hereford, to the church of Cherleton Mussegros vacant by the resignation of William de Bradewell, to which he was presented by John de Bures, knight.

2503. xi Kal., Jan, year above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord

admitted Richard Le Tayllour, of Alcryngton, priest, to the vicarage of Swelle at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bruton.

2504. Bishop Ralph to Richard de Carleton, canon in his church of Wells.

Affectio quam te novimus habere ad faciendam corporalem residenciam in ecclesia predicta nos exitat et inducit tue voluntati reddere prompciores. Hinc est quod domos quas Magister Johannes de Carleton ex nostra collacione nuper optinuit per resignationem dicti magistri Johannis vacantes et ad nostram collacionem spectantes quamdiu in ecclesia nostra cathedrali Wellense predicta fueris canonicus et ecclesie prebendalis de Cuneworth prebendarius tibi habitandas conferimus et assignamus.

Wyvelscombe, vij Kal., Jan., year above.

2505. Bishop Ralph to the dean of Axebrygg. Fol. 378.

We propose to visit our diocese and to go down to the deanery of Axbryugg the days and places designated by our other letters. Warn our subjects of the deanery aforesaid that they prepare for the said visitation. Announce to all ecclesiastical persons that they appear before us. Moreover, inhibit our archdeacon of Wells and his official and the ministers of his jurisdiction that they do not attempt anything to the prejudice of our visitation.

Wivelescomb, &c.

2506. Bishop Ralph to the archdeacon of Bath.

We have received the King's writ under the tenour which follows.

Edwardus Dei gratia rex Anglie, &c., venerabili in Christo patri R. eadem gratia Bathonensis et Wellensis ecclesie salutem. Quia quibusdam arduis et urgentibus negociis nos et statum ac bonum regimen regni nostri Anglie et aliorum terrarum et dominiorum nostrorum concernentibus parliamentum nostrum apud Westmonasterium in octabis Purificationis beate Marie Virginis proximo futuris tenere, ac vobiscum et cum ceteris prelatis, magnatibus et proceribus dicti regni nostri Anglie

colloquium habere volumus et tractatum. Vobis in fide et dilectione quibus nobis tenemini firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus cessante excusacione quacunque dictis die et loco personaliter intersitis, nobiscum ac cum dictis prelatis, magnatibus et proceribus dicti regni super negociis tractaturi vestrumque consilium impensuri. Et hoc sicut nos et honorem nostrum ac commune comodum dicti regni nostri Anglie diligitis nullatenus omittatis. Premunientes decanum et capitulum ecclesie vestre Wellensis et archidiaconos totumque clerum vestre diocesis quod iidem decanus et archidiaconi in propriis personis suis ac dictum capitulum per unum idemque clerus per duos procuratores idoneos plenam et sufficientem potestatem ab ipsis capitulo et clero habentes predictis die et loco personaliter intersint ad faciendum et consenciendum hiis que de communi consilio, favente Deo, ordinari contigerit super negociis antedictis.

Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium xxv die Novembris anno regni nostri Anglie vicesimo quarto, &c.

We warn you that you be personally present at the said day and place. And warn all and singular of the clergy of your archdeaconry that they be present at the said day and place according to the form contained in the said writ.

Wivelescomb, &c.

2507. Non., Jan., year above, at Wyvelscombe. The lord admitted William Herdy to the chantry of Litiscare to which [he was presented] by John de Draycote.

2508. In the name of God, amen. Whereas my lord Walter de Sprengehuse, clerk, of the diocese of Hereford, rector of the church of Norton juxta Hamedon, diocese of Bath and Wells, has obtained the said church with all its rights and appurtenances and at present possesses it, I, Nicholas de Pontesbury, rector of the church of Churyton, diocese of Exeter, proctor of the said Walter, fearing prejudice concerning the right and possession aforesaid appeal to the Apostolic See.

2509. vij Id., Jan., year above, at Wyvelscombe. The lord admitted brother John Gallardi to the priory of Stokcursy, vacant

by the resignation of brother William de Hodierne, monk of the order of St. Benedict, to which he was presented by the abbot and convent of St. Mary, of Loueye. The archdeacon of Taunton or his official to induct.

2510. vi Id., Jan., year above, at Wyvelscombe. The lord admitted John Dille, priest to the church of Westdoulisch, vacant by the resignation of Richard de Wynkelegh, to which he was presented by Isabella, daughter of John Waake, knight.

2511. Bishop Ralph to the precentor of Wells, the archdeacon of Bath, &c.

Licet Ricardus de Risyngdon, capellanus, infra diocesim nostram super delicto ut dicebatur per ipsum commisso fuisset indictatus ac coram justiciariis domini nostri regis judicialiter impetitus et per eosdem de eodem convictus, ac postmodum juxta ecclesiasticam libertatem nobis liberatus et carceri nostro mancipatus. Nos volentes tamen eidem justicii facere complementum, prout de jure tenemur, vobis committimus et mandamus quatinus in loco in quo dictum facinus dicitur commisisse publice proclamare faciatis quod omnes et singuli qui aliquid in personam dicti Ricardi opponere vel contra ejusdem purgacionem promovere voluerint, certo die per vos statuendo, coram vobis in ecclesia nostra cathedrali Wellensi compareant propositurí si quod canonicum habuerint quare ad dicti capellani purgacionem et ejusdem liberacionem minime procedere debeatis. Quod si non comparuerint nec effectualia contra eum non proposuerint que dictam purgacionem impedere valeant ad ejusdem purgacionem admittendam et eundem a carcere nostro liberandum procedatis, ad quod faciendum vobis vices committimus cum coertione cuilibet canonice potestate.

2512. ij Id., Jan., year above, at Wyvelscombe. The lord admitted Richard de Rodeneye, priest, in the person of John de Rysyngdon, rector of the church of Jevele, his proxy, to the church of Batecomb to which [he was presented] by the abbot and convent of Glaston.

2513. xix Kal., Feb., at Wyvelscomb. Fol. 379.

The lord sent to the archdeacon of Wells or his official to induct Adam Blake into the church of Alludeford at the presentation of John Ralee.

John, bishop of Landaff to Bishop Ralph.

We have lately received your letters containing the tenour which follows: Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, to John, bishop of Landaff. Henry Peres, rector of the church of Alludeford, of our diocese, and Adam Blake, rector of the church of Lamuas, of your diocese, propose to exchange their benefices. We commit our offices to you to admit the said Adam to the church of Alludeforde at the presentation of John de Ralee and to institute him as rector.

Evercrich, v Id., Nov., A.D. 1350.

Wherefore we instituted the said Adam on the 14th day of Nov., A.D. 1350 in the person of Alan Le Poleter his proxy.

Lank', vi Kal., Dec., year above.

2514. viij Kal., Feb., A.D. 1350, in the 22nd year of the consecration of Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, the same bishop Ralph at Wyvelscomb, admitted John Luperzate, priest, to the vicarage of Corston, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Ganard, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bath.

2515. vi Kal., Feb., year above, at Wyvelscomb. The lord admitted Simon de Cherde, priest, to the vicarage of Pipmynstre at the presentation of the prior and convent of Taunton.

2516. We, Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, constitute Master John de Carleton, dean of Wells, Sir John de Wynwyke, canon of our said church, and William Nywenham proxies for us in the Parliament to be celebrated at Westminster on the octave of the Purification next to come.

Wyvelescomb, ij Kal., Feb., year above.

2517. Writ to Bishop Ralph.

Master William de Littilton, precentor of Wells, executor of

the will of Roger de Cherleton, late archdeacon of Totton, and subcollector of the quadrennial tenth granted to Pope John xxii, is beneficed in your diocese having no lay fee in the county of Devon. Distrain the said Master William that he be before our justices at Westminster on the octaves of the Purification to satisfy us for 9*li.* 17*s.* 11*d.* for arrears.

Witness, G. de Wilford, at Westminster, 15 Jan., in the 24th year of our reign.

2518. 12 Feb., A.D. 1350. Adam Richeman, of Rudewyke, was appointed at Wyvelscombe by the lord as coadjutor to John, vicar of Poulet.

2519. Bishop Ralph to William, bishop of Winchester. Fol. 380.

Because, on account of infirmity of body and the hazards of the ways, without grave danger of our body and our affairs we cannot give our personal attendance in the Parliament on the 8th day after the feast of the Purification, we pray your reverend fatherhood that you will promote our excuse with the King.

Wyvelescomb, ij Kal., Feb.

2520. On Tuesday next after the feast of St. Agatha the lord granted to Master Robert Grymstude, rector of the church of Maperton, that he could absent himself from his church till Easter. He also granted to him that he could exchange his church.

2521. Bishop Ralph to Walter Martyn, of Hull, commissary of the official of the archdeacon of Wells.

We have received the grave complaint of the prior and convent of Bath containing that, although the proctors and messengers of the faithful bearing letters to collect alms within our diocese from time of which memory runneth not, were admitted to collect alms, nevertheless Richard Derby, the proctor appointed by the said religious men to collect appeared before you and expounded his business, but you refused to hear him and judicially inhibited all rectors, vicars and parish priests of the whole archdeaconry that they should not admit him

under pain of greater excommunication. If it is so cause fulness of justice to the said religious men otherwise we cite you.

Wyvelscombe, xvi Kal., March year above.

2522. xij Kal., March year above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord admitted Henry Gregory, priest, to the parish church of Stoke Trystre, vacant by the resignation of Sir Edward Troubrugge, to which he was presented by John Molyns, knight.

2523. v Kal., March, year above, at Wyveliscomb. The lord admitted John Mere, of Wyncalton, priest, to the chapel of Chiriton to which he was presented by Ralph Russel.

2524. iij Kal., March, year above, at Wyvelscombe. The lord admitted John Bodde, priest, to the first chantry for the soul of Henry Huse, dean of Wells, and the souls of all the faithful deceased, to which he was presented by W. de Cammel, subdean of Wells.

2525 ij Non., March, year above, at Wyvelscomb. The lord instituted Thomas Smyth, of Lymyngton, priest, to the vicarage of Chyuton, vacant by the resignation of Nicholas Uske, to which he was presented by the King by reason of the priory of Hayllynge being in his hand on the occasion of the war between him and his adversaries of France.

2526. Id., March, year above, at Wyvelscomb. The lord admitted Gilbert Crouthorn, priest, to the vicarage of Shepton Monacute, vacant by the resignation of John de Kaynesham, to which he was presented by the prior and convent of Bruton.

2527. Simon, archbishop of Canterbury, to Bishop Ralph.

By the Apostolic authority we caused to be enjoined and ordered to you that you should cause a farthing to be collected from every 40*s*. from all ecclesiastical goods and benefices in your city and diocese in the name of the expenses of Sir Raymund Pelegrini, nuncio of the Apostolic See, and pay them

to Alan de Hothim, canon of London, and that you should certify us by your letters patent, but you have not obeyed our said letters. Some ecclesiastical persons also have not taken care to satisfy the procurations of Sir Bernard de Caulasen', nuncio of the Apostolic See. We commit our offices to you to proceed in form of law against all such persons.

Lambeth, vi Kal., March, A.D. 1350.

2528. ix Kal., April, A.D. above, at Wyvelscombe. The lord gave power to Master William de Modb[ury], rector of Cumb Flory and to Sir John Hethenc, vicar of Stokegommer, to absolve their parishioners. Fol. 381.

2529. ix Kal., April. The lord wrote to Master Stephen de Hulle, canon of Wells, to execute the mandate of the archbishop next before written.

Wyvelescomb, ix Kal., April, A.D. above.

2530. Same day and place. The lord instituted John Hechene, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Stokegummer vacant by the free resignation of Tholomeus de la Ryxyn by reason of exchange for the perpetual chantry of the B. Virgin Mary in the parish church of Combflory, to which he was presented by Master John de London, canon of Wells and perpetual *firmarius* of the church of Stokgummer.

Same day and place. The lord instituted Tholomeus de la Ryxyn, priest, to the chantry of the B. Virgin Mary in the parish church of Combflory, vacant by the free resignation of John Hechene, by reason of exchange with the vicarage of Stokegummer, to which he was presented by Simon de Meriet.

Hic finitur annus Domini millesimo tricentesimo quinquagesimo et incipit annus quinquagesimus primus.

2531. v Kal., April, year above, at Wyvelescomb. The lord conferred on Robert Dunneslonde, priest, of the diocese of Exeter, the parish church of Middelchynnok belonging to his collation, and instituted him as rector in the same.

2532. Same day and place. The lord admitted Walter

Page to the vicarage of Sandford Arundel to which he was presented by the abbess and convent of Legh.

2533. Writ to Bishop Ralph.
Distrain Master William de Luttelton, precentor of Wells [as on p. 648].
Witness, G. de Wilford, at Westminster, 1 March, in the 25th year of our reign.

2534. ii Kal., April A.D. 1351, at Wyvelscomb. Letters dimissory for Robert Horruge, deacon, to obtain the order of priest.

2535. Mandate of Ralph, bishop of London, to Bishop Ralph to attend the convocation of the clergy of the province of Canterbury on Monday next after the Sunday on which the office "Misericordia Dei" is sung.
The archbishop's mandate is dated at Lambeth, vij Id., March, A.D. 1350 and the bishop of London's, at London, iv Id., March.
[Printed in "Wilkins's Concilia" vol iii, p. 16.]

Fol. 382. 2536. Kal., April, A.D. 1351, at Wyvelscombe. Letters dimissory for John Waale, deacon, to obtain the order of priest.

2537. Same day and place. Letters dimissory for Walter Asshecote, subdeacon, to obtain the order of deacon.

2538. iv Non., April, year above, at Wyvelescomb. The lord admitted Walter Gregory, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Culueton, vacant by the resignation of Robert Bouenalet, to which he was presented by the prior and convent of Bath.

2539. Bishop Ralph to the dean of Wells or his official, or the commissary or *locum tenens* of either.
We have received the mandate of Ralph, bishop of London, containing the form as in the mandate before written [*supra* 2535]. Cite the chapter of Wells and the clergy of your jurisdiction that the said chapter appear by one proctor and the clergy by two We cite you, the said dean, that you be personally present.
Wyvelescombe, 3 April, A.D. 1351.

The same day the lord sent mandates to the archdeacon of Bath, the archdeacon of Wells, the keeper of the jurisdiction of Glaston, and the archdeacon of Taunton or their officials under the form above written.

2540. Bishop Ralph to William de Cammel, keeper of his palace or court of Wells.

Ad cognoscendum, corrigendum, et puniendum excessus, crimina et delicta quorumcumque infra pallacium seu curiam nostram predictam delinquencium quorum cognicio, correctio seu punicio ad nos de jure sue consuetudine pertinere noscatur, ac etiam omnem et omnimodam jurisdictionem spiritualem in eosdem ibidem excercendum que ad nos de jure ibidem pertinet seu dinoscitur pertinere tibi de cujus circumspectione et fidelitate ad plenum confidimus tenore presencium committimus vices nostras cum cohercionis cujuslibet canonice potestate.

Wyvelescomb, viij Id., Ap., A.D. 1351.

2541. Non., April, at Wyvelscombe. The lord ordered the archdeacon of Taunton or his official to induct Geoffrey de Ludeford by reason of exchange with the church of Hachebeauchamp.

2542. Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis, &c. Radulphus permissione divina Bathonensis et Wellensis episcopus, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noveritis nos concessisse Ricardo de Graneby rectori ecclesie de Northcadebury nostre [diocesis] litteras dimissorias quod a quocunque episcopo catholico regni Anglie sedis apostolice gratiam et sui officii execucionem optinente ad omnes sacros ordines posset promoveri cui frater Remigius Comaclensis episcopus auctoritate litterarum hujusmodi ordinem presbiteratus ut asseruit conferebat. Nos collationem dicti ordinis presbiteratus per predictum episcopum sicut premittitur Ricardo predicto factam ratam habentes quantum ad nos pertinet confirmamus per presentes.

In cujus rei, &c.

Datum apud Wyvelescombe viij Id., Aprilis anno Domini millesimo tricentesimo quinquagesimo primo et nostre consecrationis vicesimo secundo.

2543. Writ to Bishop Ralph to levy the sums of money as in No. 2493.

Witness, G. de Wilford, at Westminster, 10 March, in the 25th year of our reign.

Received at Wyvelscomb, 7 April.

2544. vii Id., April, year aforesaid, at Wyvelscomb The lord granted to Master Robert, rector of Maperton, that his parish priest could celebrate on Sundays and feasts in the chapel of Blakeford in the parish aforesaid, although he shall first have celebrated divine services on the same days in the said parish church, till the feast of St. Michael, in the absence of the rector, and that the rector could absent himself till the feast of St. Michael.

2545. Although I, Aylmer Le Botiller, rector of the church of Kyngeston Seymour, have canonically obtained the said church and possessed it peaceably and quietly, yet fearing prejudice, lest anyone should attempt prejudice it was appealed to the Apostolic See. Nevertheless you Masters John Sydenale and John de Rysyngdon and Nicholas Pontesbury asserting that you were the commissaries of Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, in this behalf, assigned a term for me to appear before the said father or you, in the church of Wyvelescomb to answer concerning certain vague articles, &c. Wherefore I appeal to the said Apostolic See and the court of Canterbury for protection.

Fol. 383. 2546. ii Id., April, at Welyngton. The lord instituted Thomas Atte Weye, priest, to the parish church of Southbradene to which he was presented by Maurice de la Valeye.

2547. xvi Kal., May, Walter Page, vicar of Saundford Arundel, deacon, asked to be promoted to the order of priest, and the lord being hindered by certain causes from conferring the said order on him on the day aforesaid, granted to him letters testimonial of his diligence.

2548. Simon, archbishop of Canterbury, to Bishop Ralph concerning the injuries done to Robert, bishop of Salisbury.

Dudum sane fama publica ad nos pervenit quod quidam iniquitatis filii, quorum persone et nomina penitus ignorantur ecclesiasticam libertatem infringere, quin verius ipsam ecclesiam ausu sacrilego hostiliter impugnare et majestatem divinam offendere non verentes, per secularis potestatis abusum venerabilem fratrem nostrum Robertum, Dei gratia Sarum, episcopum, ad ordines tam sacros quam alios suis subditis exhibendos, necnon penitentes quoscumque pro suis confessionibus audiendis, et aliis que pontificale requirunt officium in maneriis suis ecclesiasticis de Cherdestoke et Shirebourne sue diocesis preparatum . . . atrociter verberarunt et verbis ac verberibus, minis ac injuriis miserabiliter afflictos retrocedere compulerunt . . . Quocirca fraternitati vestre in virtute sancte obedientie qua nobis et ecclesie nostre tenemini firmiter injungendo committimus et mandamus quatinus omnes et singulos malefactores hujusmodi cum suis fautoribus et complicibus dictis excommunicationum sententiis fuissent esse ligatos, &c.

La Forde, i Id., April, A.D.

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Bishop Ralph to the dean of Wells.

We commit to you to announce the said mandate in all churches of your jurisdiction, to enquire concerning the names of the malefactors and to execute it according to its force, form and effect.

Wyvelscombe, 16 Kal., May, year above.

Same day, &c., the lord sent four such mandates, viz., to the archdeacon of Bath, the archdeacon of Wells, the keeper of the jurisdiction of Glaston and the archdeacon of Taunton.

2549. Bishop Ralph to Simon, archbishop of Canterbury. Master Stephen de Hulle, canon of Wells, subcollector of the procurations of Sirs Raymund Pelegrini and Bernard de Caulasen', nuncios of the Apostolic See, in our cities and diocese has sent the said procurations to the said Sir Alen by Master Thomas Yonge, advocate of your court of Canterbury. The same master Thomas paid 100*s.* to Master Alan for the procurations of the said Bernard to the rector of St Gregory, London, subcollector, he paid 50*s.* several times offered to Master Alan in the name of the procuration of the said Raymund and refused by the same

Alan because the said Alan often asserted that he had no power to receive the procurations of the same Raymund.

Wyvelescomb, xv Kal., May, year above.

Fol. 384. 2550. A.D. 1351, April 18th, Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, in the presence of me, the public notary, and the witnesses subscribed, in the chamber of his manor of Wyvelescomb, appealed in this form of words. Although we, Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, are bishop of Bath and Wells, and have possessed the bishopric for several years, and as yet possess it, fearing that prejudice might in future be raised up about our rights, possession and state, lest any should attempt prejudice by moving, citing, suspending, excommunicating, interdicting, molesting, inquieting, disturbing or any other manner harming, we appeal to the Apostolic See and for the protection of the court of Canterbury.

Present, Masters Stephen de Hull and Simon de Fareweye, public notaries, Nicholas de Pontesbury, rector of the church of Chyriton Payn, diocese of Exeter, and Roger de Scardeclyf, clerk. And I, John Ricardi, of Bath, clerk, of the diocese of Bath, public notary was present.

And I, Stephen Martyn, of Hulle, clerk, of the diocese of Wells, notary, was present.

2551. xii Kal., May year above, at Wyvelscomb. The lord admitted Walter de Asschecote, deacon, to the vicarage of the parish church of Schapwyk and Asschcote, vacant by the resignation of Walter de Monyton, to which he was presented by the abbot and convent of Glaston.

2552. Bishop Ralph to Simon, archbishop of Canterbury.

We have received the mandate below written. Ralph, bishop of London, to Ralph, &c.

Which said mandate we will obey as far as concerns our person. We have caused the dean of Wells, the prior of Bath, &c., to be cited to appear.

Wyvelescombe, vij Kal., May, year above.

2553. Bishop Ralph to Simon, archbishop of Canterbury We received the letters of your reverend fatherhood on the 16th

day of April. After the receipt of which we caused it to be publicly announced in our cathedral church and the other churches of our diocese that all and singular the malefactors aforesaid with their favourers and accomplices are tied with the said sentences of excommunication. We have caused inquisitions to be made, but because we found no one guilty we have cited no one.

Wyvelescomb, 5 May, year above.

2554. We, Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, have selected Masters John de Carleton, dean of Wells, and John de Sydenhale, canon of our said church, as proxies to appear for us in the church of St. Paul, London, on Monday next after the Sunday on which the office "Misericordia Domini" is sung.

Wyvelscomb, vij Kal., May, year above.

2555. Bishop Ralph to Simon, archbishop of Canterbury.

Because we, being prevented by legitimate causes, as the bearer of these presents will inform your fatherhood, cannot give our personal presence in the treaty on Monday next after the Sunday on which the office "Misericordia Domini" is sung, in the church of St. Paul, London, we constitute Master John de Carleton, dean of Wells, and John de Sydenhale, canon of the said church, our proxies. We implore that your fatherhood will deign to have our absence excused.

Wyvelscombe, 25 April.

2556. iv Kal., May, year above.

The lord granted licence to the vicar of Modeford to celebrate divine services on alternate Sundays and feasts, in the chapels of Netherhatbere and Hynton till the feast of Trinity although he shall have first celebrated in the church of Modeford.

2557. Bishop Ralph to William, bishop of Norwich. Fol. 385.

Reverend father and lord, being detained by legitimate causes, we cannot give our personal presence in the treaty on Monday next after the Sunday on which the office

"Misericordia Domini" is sung. We implore your fatherhood that you will deign to promote our excuse to the archbishop and our other brethren.

Wyvelescomb, 25 April.

Same day and place. The lord wrote to William, bishop of Winchester, and John, bishop of Worcester, under the same form.

We cannot give our personal presence in the treaty on Monday next after the Sunday on which the office "Misericordia Domini" is sung in the church of St. Paul, London. We have thought fit to ordain you, together with Master John de Sydenhale, canon of Wells, our proxy.

2558. Kal., May, year above, at Wyvelescomb. The lord instituted John Sende, of Calne, diocese of Salisbury, priest, to the church of Almoundesford, vacant by the resignation of Robert Parkere by reason of exchange with the vicarage of Brodhenton, to which he was presented by Nicholas de Sancto Mauro.

Same day and place. The lord instituted Robert Parkere to the vicarage of Brodhenton by virtue of the commission of the bishop of Salisbury.

2559. Bishop Ralph to the archdeacon of Taunton, or his official.

Although as well in the sacred canons as in the constitutions of the holy fathers it is contained that those who hold a parish church which is not annexed to a dignity or prebend ought to reside in it and personally to exercise the cure of souls, nevertheless a certain rector of Elleworthy has absented himself and now absents himself. Warn the said rector, if he can be personally apprehended, otherwise publicly announce before his proxy if he left any, and to his friends in the house of the rectory of the church of Elleworthy, and the warden in the said church that within a month of your warning he make a corporal residence in his said church.

Wyvelescomb, v Non., May, A.D. 1351.

2560. v Non., May, year above.

Licence for Geoffrey, parish chaplain of Melles, that he can celebrate mass every Sunday till the feast of St. Michael

early in the morning at Legh, and high mass on the same Sundays in the church of Melles.

2561. Litero secreta. Reverendissime pater et domine. Habet nostra fiducia ut hiis que nobis et ecclesie nostre commodum afferre poterunt libenti concurretis assensu. Quia igitur dilectus socius noster Magister Andreas de Weremynstre, rector ecclesie de Melles, vestre diocesis, de patiencia vestra nostris insistens et obsequiis nobis admodum et ecclesie nostre pro industrie et circumspectionis sue magnitudine utilis et officiosus existit; paternitatem vestram reverendam sinceris duximus affectibus exorandum quatinus ipsum et ecclesiam suam habentes spiritualiter commendantes, cum eodum ut prestina nobis grate familiaritatis officia in antea contumare valeat; dispensare dignemini de gratia speciali, &c.

Scriptum apud Prestebury, primo die mensis Maii.

2562. vi Id., May, year above, at Wyvelscombe. The lord granted to William Wyseman, rector of the church of Rimyngton, that he could celebrate one mass every day in the chapels of Langeford or Thorne St. Margaret, notwithstanding that he shall first have celebrated in his church of Rimyngton.

2563. Writ to Bishop Ralph.

Surcease the execution of our writ to levy 4 marks from the goods and benefices of the prior de Periculo Maris.

Witness, G. de Wilford, at Westminster, 8 May, in the 25th year of our reign.

2564. On Friday next after feast of St. Dunstan, A.D. 1351, at Wyvelscombe.

Licence for William Waryn, vicar of Hywyssh, to hear confessions of his parishioners till the feast of St. Michael next.

2565. The official of the court of Canterbury to Bishop Ralph.

We have received the grave complaint of Master William de Lude, clerk, containing that certain sons of iniquity, viz., Robert Basset, William Styward and John Mayew, of your diocese, knowing him to be a clerk, laid violent hands on him and unlawfully arrested and attached him without cause, and did

various damages to him and enormous things to his person by no means justly, within the diocese aforesaid. On account of which things they incurred the sentence of greater excommunication. We order you that within twelve days you do fulness of justice to the party of the said Master William. Otherwise cite the said Robert Basset, William Styward and John Mayewe that they appear before us or another president of the said court in the church of St. Mary de Arcubus, London.

London, xi Kal., July, A.D. 1350.

Fol 386. 2566. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

Because John, son and heir of Edmund, late earl of Kent, and Margery his wife, deceased, has proved his age before Thomas de Hoo, our escheator in the county of Sussex, we have taken the homage of the said John for the lands and tenements which as well his father and his mother held of us in chief. We order you that the annual farm of 54*li.*, which you are bound to pay for the manors of Axbrigge, Cheddre, and Congresburi be answered to the said John, now earl.

Witness, ourself, at Eltham, 10 April, in the 25th year of our reign.

2567. Bishop Ralph to the dean of Merschton and the parish chaplain of Estcammel.

Although all and singular churches and ecclesiastical persons are free and exempt from secular exaction and services, nevertheless some persons, not having God before their eyes designing to infringe ecclesiastical liberties and immunities, strive to exact carriages from the abbot and convent of Clyve holding the church of Estcammel to their proper uses, and from their servants appointed by them there, and do not fear to distrain and compel them to perform and undergo such carriages and burdens together with the laity to the danger of their souls and in violation of the ecclesiastical liberty or immunity. We order you that you publicly warn all such bold persons to desist under pain of greater excommunication.

Wyvelescomb, Tuesday next after the feast of St. Barnabas the Apostle, A.D. 1351.

2568. xvij Kal., July, year above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord admitted John Gibbe, priest, to the parish church of Treburgh, vacant by the resignation of Richard Daunsel, to which he was presented by Milicent, relict of Ralph Fitzhours.

2569. vij Kal., July, at Evercrych. The lord admitted Walter Scammel, priest. to the parish church of Toland, vacant by the resignation of Nicholas de Blenye, to which he was presented by brother Philip de Thame, prior of St. John of Jerusalem in England.

2570. Non., July, year above, at Banewell. The lord admitted Roger de Etyndon, priest, to the chantry of la Hidhall, of Clyvedon, at the presentation of Edmund de Clyvedon, knight.

2571. Memorandum that on the . . . day of St. Thomas

and perpetual vicar in the church of W .

Present, Master J. de Sydenhale, John P . . . Nicholas de Pontesbury, John Pulle, John de Rysyngdon, . . . William vicar of Congresbury and others.

2572. Know present and to come that we, Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, have given, granted, and by this our present charter have confirmed to Robert Sewarde, of Bristol and Margaret his wife, and to the issue of the said Robert, all that messuage, with the closes of land, meadow, &c., which Adam Le Walsche, Andrew Cane and Alice Le Soo hold of me for the term of their lives, together with the reversion of the said lands and tenements when it happens, and with all their appurtenances everywhere, which Roger de Hanam Eest held of us in Cheddre and which after the death of the said Roger came to our hands as escheat. To have and to hold, &c., of us and our successors by the rents and services therefor due and of right accustomed. And if it happen that the said Robert shall die without issue the

said messuages, &c., together with the reversion shall revert to us and our successors. These being witnesses Walter de Pauely, knight, . . . de Rodeneye, knight, John de Langlond, John de Barton, John Fitzwater, and others.

Woky, morrow of the Apostles Peter and Paul, 25 Edw. iii.

We Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, have attorned and put in our place Bertram de Dombleton or John Fitzwater, of Cheddre, to put Robert Sewarde, of Bristol, and Margaret his wife, in seisin of one messuage, with the lands, &c., which Adam Le Walsche, Andrew Cane and Alice atte Soo hold of us for the term of their lives in Cheddre.

Woky, morrow of the Apostles Peter and Paul, 25 Edw. iii.

2573. Pur ceo qe Johan de Horsyngton Chaunceller de nostre esglise cathedrale de Welles nous ad prie qe son cloos com apele Weston deyns nostre seignurie de Ky puisse tenir severalement en cloos sauntz nulle commu . . . dautre communer tant qe nous sommes avisee sil le deyne issint tenir . . . Vous maundoms qe vous facetz qil le puisse issint . . . stre tenu tannt qee vous est, tanqe a nostre venue illeoqe Escript a Banewell le dyme jour de Juyl lan de nostre sacre vyntisme secunt. Par levesqe de Baa et de Welles.

Fol. 387. 2574. iii Id., July, A.D. 1351, at Banewell. The lord conferred on Richard Hare the church of Erneshulle and instituted him as rector in the same.

2575. iii Kal., Aug., A.D. 1351, at Jatton. The lord instituted Tholomeus de la Ryxyn, priest, to the perpetual chantry for the soul of Gilbert de Wollavyngton in the parish church of Wollavyngton, to which he was presented by Thomas Tryvet, of Durburgh.

2576. 1 Aug., year above, at Jatton. Licence for Sir Nicholas Belet, rector of the church of Wynfryth to absent himself for a year for the purpose of a pilgrimage.

2577. Bishop Ralph to the dean of Wells or his *locum tenens.*

Whereas the constitutions and statutes ordained for the public utility unless they are brought to the notice of subjects by publication do not tend to bind and draw them together, and whereas we have ordered you that the constitutions of Simon de Mepham and John de Stratforde, archbishops of Canterbury, be solemnly published and we have heard that you have been remiss in the execution of our said mandate in contempt of our jurisdiction, we order you that you publish the said constitutions and cause them to be published by rectors and vicars on the feasts of the Assumption, All Saints, the Purification and Ascension under pain of greater excommunication which we intend to fulminate on persons not obeying.

Banewell, xii Kal., Aug., year above.

Same day and place. The lord sent like mandates to the archdeacons of Wells, Taunton and Bath and to the keeper of the jurisdiction of Glaston.

2578. Bishop Ralph, executor, to sequestrate the parish church of Bodeclye, (concerning which litigation was lately pending in the Roman court between William de Tidderlegh, clerk, and William de Tylneye, rector of Milton) appointed by the Apostolic See, to the prior of Bruton, subexecutory sequestrator and keeper in this behalf.

We have received the letters of Pope Clement vi by which it evidently appears to us that the said William de Tyderlegh gained the final victory in the said cause. Therefore we, first revoking our offices to you, release the said sequestration ordering you that you deliver possession of the church of Bodeclye to the said William de Tydderlegh or his proctor under a public instrument with the seal of William de Neuton, public notary, under date A.D. 1351, May 1.

Banewelle, 11 Aug., year above.

A.D. 1351, May 12th, in the presence of me, public notary and the witnesses subscribed, William de Tidderleye, rector of the parish church of Bodclye, constituted Master William de la Hegh, canon of the collegiate church of Penryn, diocese of Exeter, John de Lekesworthe, Ralph de Tydderleye,

Philip de la Hegh, Alan Kyngeston and Alan de Tydderleye, clerks and laymen of the dioceses of Wells and Salisbury, his lawful proctors, granting them general power to ask, receive, take and for him and in his name to hold and govern the said church, and also to collect the fruits, &c.

Avinion, in the *hospitium* of the reverend man, Sir Simon de Sudbria, auditor of the sacred Apostolic palace.

Present, William de Wykambroke and John Clyve, of Salop, clerks to the dioceses of Norwich and Lichfield.

And I, William de Neuton, clerk, of the diocese of Lichfield, public notary, was present.

2579. xvii Kal., Sept., year above, at Banewell. The lord instituted John Le Porter, priest, to the parish church of Elleworthy, vacant by the resignation of Walter de Chadeleshonte, to which he was presented by brother Philip de Thame, prior of St. John of Jerusalem in England.

Fol. 388. 2580. iv Kal., Sept., year above, at Banewell. The lord admitted William Assheleigh, chaplain, to the perpetual chantry of the B. Virgin Mary in the parish church of Combesflory, vacant by the resignation of Tholomeus de la Ryxyn, to which he was presented by Simon de Meriet.

2581. Bishop Ralph to John de Bathonia, rector of the chapel of Blakeforde. We dispense with you that you may let your said chapel to farm for five years to William de Wedmor, rector of the church of Northstoke.

Banewell, 1 Sept., A.D. 1351.

2582. Writ to Bishop Ralph.

Cause John Bonswayn, parson of the church of Kyngeston, your clerk, to come before our justices at Westminster on the octave of St. Michael to answer to Robert Mayne, of Strete, of a plea that he render to him 7 quarters, 2 bushels of wheat of the price of 100*s*.

Witness, J. de Stonore, at Westminster, 11 July, in the 25th year of our reign.

ii Id., Sept., year above, in the chamber of the lord at Banewelle, John Bonswayn appeared personally and swore that he would preserve the lord indemnified as regards attorning the said writ on the octave of St. Michael and the lord warned
him to be there at the said day to do as the writ requires.

Present, John de Rysyngdon, rector of Jevele, Roger de Scardeclyf, Thomas Chilterne and others.

2583. Let it appear to all by the present public instrument that A.D. 1349, March 8, Robert Adymote, alledging that he was the proxy of Master Bernard Brocaz, in the presence of me the public notary and the witnesses subscribed at Wyvelescomb, in the bishop's manor, delivered a certain royal writ to the said venerable father containing the gift, grant and presentation to the prebend of St. Decuman in the church of Wells, being vacant as it is pretended, to the same Master Bernard, and demanded that the venerable father should execute the writ to him in the name of his said lord. The said father being occupied with other arduous matters committed his offices to Sir Walter de London, dean of Wells, under this form.

Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, to the dean of Wells. We commit our offices to you to proceed in the matter of the presentation to Master Bernard Brocaz by the King to the prebend of St. Decuman, &c.

Wyvelescomb, viii Ides, March, A.D. 1349.

The tenour of the writ of which mention is made above is so:

Edward, by the grace of God King of England, &c., to Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, greeting. Whereas we have given and granted to our beloved clerk, Master Bernard Brocaz, the prebend of St Decuman, vacant and pertaining to our donation by reason of the bishopric of Bath and Wells being vacant and being in the hand of the lord Edward, our grandfather, we order you that you admit the said Bernard, &c.

Witness, ourself, at Westminster, 26 Feb., in the 24th year of our reign.

These things were done as they are above written in the year, &c., aforesaid.

Present, Sir John de Rysyngdon, rector of Jevele, John de Lincoln, perpetual vicar of St. Decuman, John Chestre and Roger de Tybryghton, clerks.

And I, William de Modbury, clerk, of the diocese Exeter, public notary was present.

Fol. 389. Tercio die mensis Septembris mutatur annus consecrationis domini Radulphi Bathonesis et Wellensis episcopi de anno vicesimo secundo in annum vicesimum tercium.

Let it be known to all that A.D. 1349, March 17, a certain Robert Adymot, clerk, the proxy, as he asserted, of Master Bernard Brocaz, rector of the church of St. Nicholas, of Gildeford, diocese of Winchester, as it seemed to me the public notary subscribed, in the chapter house of the church of Wells in the presence of me the public notary and of the witnesses subscribed appeared before Sir Walter de London, dean of Wells, Master William de Luttelton, precentor, John de Wamberge, William de Salton, John de London, Richard de Carleton, Stephen de Hulle, Richard de Rodeneye, Henry de Fulham, John de Hiwyssh, and William de Kynardesleye, canons of the said church, and forming the chapter that day, and presented the King's letters patent together with the commission of the bishop of Bath and Wells. Which said letters having been read and recited it was demanded by the said proctor, first, from the dean that he admit him to the prebend of St. Decuman and secondly from the dean and chapter that they assign him a stall in the choir and a place in the chapter on the behalf of the said Master Bernard Brocaz. At length the dean admitted the said Master Bernard in the person of his proxy, and subsequently the dean and chapter committed their offices to Sir John de Hulle, vicar in the said church, to assign to the said Master Bernard a stall and place. The same John de Hulle immediately, under the year, &c., aforesaid assigned a stall and place to the said Master Bernard in the person of his proxy.

(The King's letters patent and the bishop's commission again recited.)

Present, Master John de Cristelton, Robert de Gloucestria, Adam Le Gardyner, clerks.

And I, Richard de Horsford, clerk, of the diocese of Exeter public notary, was present.

A.D. 1349, March 18, Sir Walter de London, dean of Wells, in the hall of his habitation which he then inhabited at Wells, in the presence of me, the public notary, and the witnesses subscribed, showed a letter sealed with the seal of the said dean directed to the vicar of the prebendal church of Clyue to induct Master Bernard Brocas or his proxy into possession of the prebend of St. Decuman. And at length he delivered the said letter to Robert Adymot, clerk, to bear to the said vicar the tenour of which is such.

(The mandate from the dean of Wells to the vicar of Wells, 17 March, A.D. 1349, the King's letters patent dated 26 Feb. in the 24th year of his reign and the bishop's commission dated viij Id., March, A.D. 1349, to the dean of Wells are here recited at length.) Fol. 390.

Present, Master John de Cristelton, clerk, Sir John de Lyncoln, vicar of the church of St. Decuman, Robert de Blechesdon, *literatus.*

2584. Writ to Bishop Ralph to levy the sums as in No. 2493.

Witness, G. de Wilford, at Westminster, 16 July, in the 25th year of our reign.

2585. Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells to all, &c., greeting in the Lord.

The monastery of Glaston, of the order of St. Benedict, has suffered damages by inundations of the sea, &c.

We appropriate and unite the parish church of Mere, of our diocese, which is of the patronage of the abbot and convent of the said monastery, to Walter, now abbot and the convent of the same place and their successors, and we grant it to their proper uses, and by the tenour of these presents appoint it to the said abbot and convent and their successors for ever. But as often as it shall happen that the vicarage shall be vacant the cure of the souls of the parishioners shall be canonically committed to the perpetual vicar when he shall be presented to us or our successors to the same church and shall be instituted by us or our successors. We also will that on the cession or death of the Fol. 391.

rector who now is it shall be lawful for the abbot and convent freely to enter into the possession of the said church, the licence of us or our successors not being asked, and to retain the fruits, rents and issues. The vicars shall have the dwelling house of the rector, with all the land and meadow which the rector has in demesne, with common for every kind of their cattle with the tenants of the abbot of Glaston within the limits of Mere and common for four oxen and one horse with the oxen of the said religious men in the places where the rector of Mere was wont to have it. The vicars shall have all kinds of oblations, &c., tithes of calves, &c., and the greater and smaller tithes of two tenements, called Pauneburgh and Martenesye, and a tithe of the meadows called Monekemede and Anmeneresmede and Dayrye there. They shall have no tithes of the fruits or goods of lands, places or water in the demesne of the said religious men or from their beasts or fishes in the same. The vicar is to be charged for providing bread, wine, incense, tapers, processionals and other lights in the said church, binding the books, washing the vestments and repairing all other ornaments.

Banewell, xv Kal., Oct., A.D. 1351.

2586. Writ to Bishop Ralph.

Whereas Eleanor, who was the wife of Thomas de Schyrugge in our court before our justices, at Westminster, demanded against Thomas de Barstaple the third part of a messuage and 2 carucates of land in Henefelde as her dower, Thomas came and said that the said Eleanor ought not to have her dower thereof because she was not joined in lawful marriage to the said Thomas. Enquire diligently concerning the truth of the matter.

Witness, J. de Stonore, at Westminster, 12 July, in the 15th year of our reign.

2587. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

Wishing to be certified of the names of all aliens, as well cardinals as others, beneficed in your diocese, and how many benefices each of them hold, and of the value of them, &c. We

order you that you certify us before the quindene of St. Michael next.

Witness, ourself, at the Tower of London, 1 Sept., in the 25th year of our reign.

2588. Bishop Ralph to the perpetual vicar of Taunton.

Cum alieni parochiani non sunt in alienis ecclesiis, prohibentibus statutis canonicis, presertim diebus dominicis et festivis ad divina officia admittendi, suntque nonnulli parochiani ecclesie parochialis de Monketon dicte nostre diocesis qui dimissa seu contempta propria ecclesia parochiali divina in ecclesia parochiali de Tanton' diebus dominicis et festivis audire presumunt contra canonica statuta prout ex parte dilecti filii Johannis de Bathonia rectoris ecclesie de Monketon predicta nobis extitit querelatum.

We order you that before you celebrate mass in your church you investigate if there be a parishioner of another place who presumes to hear mass there. And if you find any such you shall cast them out and compel them to recede from your said church.

Banewell, xi Kal., Oct., A.D. above.

2589. ix Kal., Oct., A.D. 1351, at Banewelle. Licence for Richard de Chaddeslegh, rector of Coryryvel, to study in the university of Oxford for two years at the prayer of the Prince of Wales. Fol. 392.

2590. In the archdeaconry of Wells, Raymund Peregrini is an alien, a canon of Wells and prebendary of Henstrigge of the estimation of 16*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.* according to the taxation of the tenth, and he does not reside in his benefice.

Guido de Gellano Monte has the church of Chilton of the estimation of 10*li.*, and he resides in his benefice.

The prior of Bermoundeseye takes one portion of 40*s.* in the parish church of Jevele, and he does not reside.

The same prior takes one portion of 40*s.* in the church of Chilterne and does not reside.

The prior of Montacute takes one portion of 40*s.* in the parish church of Jevele and does not reside.

The same prior has the church of Montacute, of 20*li.*, and does not reside.

The same prior has the church of Estchynnok of the estimation of 10*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, and does not reside.

The prior of Goldclyve has the church of Wollavyngton of the estimation of 10 marks and does not reside.

The same prior has the church of Puriton of the estimation of 8*li.*, and does not reside.

The same prior has the church of Nither Staweye and does not reside.

The abbot and convent of St. Michael in Periculo Maris have one portion in the church of Mertok which extends to a moiety of the greater tithes there, of the estimation of 26*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

The abbot and convent of Jumiege (Gemiticus) have the church of Chywton, of the estimation of 21*li.* 7*s.* 4½*d.*, and they do not reside.

The abbot and convent of Beccus Herewyne have the prebend of Clyve appropriated to them, as it is said, of the estimation of 26*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, who do not reside.

The abbot and convent of Lanleye have the church of Stokcurcy, of the estimation of 30*li.*, and they do not reside.

Bernard Brocaz is a canon of Wells and prebendary of St. Decumen, of the estimation of 23*li.* 7*s.* 8*d.*

Banewelle, iij Kal., Oct., A.D. 1351.

2591. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

You and the other bishops and the clergy of the province of Canterbury granted us a biennial tenth of your benefices in the last convocation. Cause some men of your diocese to be assigned to collect the said tenth.

Witness, ourself, at the Tower of London, 1 Sept., in the 25th year of our reign.

2592. Bishop Ralph to Richard de Thormerton, treasurer of Wells.

The King has presented William de Tiineye, chaplain, to the church of Buddeclegh.

And because we, being hindered by arduous affairs, cannot

attend to the execution of the presentation, we commit our offices to you to proceed in the matter.

Banewelle, ij Kal., Oct., A.D. 1351.

2593. Bishop Ralph to Masters Richard de Thormerton, treasurer of Wells, and J. de London, canon of the same.

We commit our offices to you to proceed concerning the subtraction of pensions and rents due to our said church.

Banewelle, vi Non., Oct., A.D. above.

2594. Bishop Ralph to Nicholas de Iford, canon of Wells.

Whereas we have thought fit to sequestrate all the fruits and issues of the church of Chyw. We order you that you publicly announce that the said fruits are sequestrated, and keep them safe.

Banewelle, vi Non., Oct., A.D. above.

2595. 3 Oct., year above, at Banewell. The lord granted to Master John de Horsyngton, chancellor of Wells, that he could take the church of Milbourneport to farm till the feast of St. Michael next, and to the abbot of Cicestre that he could let it to him.

2596. iij Id., Oct., year above, at Banewelle. Licence for John Westbury, rector of Welyngton, to let his said church to farm for a year.

2597. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph. Fol. 393.

We present William de Tilney, chaplain, to the church of Buddeclye, asking that you will admit and institute him.

Witness, ourself, at Westminster, 12 Sept., in the 25th year of our reign.

2598. On the day of St. Faith. The lord granted to William Power that he could celebrate divine services for a year in the chapel of Salty in Pedirtham notwithstanding that it is not dedicated.

2599. On the day of St. Faith, A.D. 1351. William Cas,

Geoffrey Kybbul and Geoffrey Bainler bailed John Kybbul and they will produce him at the day of the next leet.

Present, John Burton, rector of Telisford, John Freyn and John Promilo.

2600. Memorandum that it is returned that Thomas de Schyrugg took to wife Eleanor ——— in the church of Nighenhuyde on the day of the Purification 23 Edw. iii, and Richard Boggere, chaplain, solemnized matrimony between them.

2601. Bishop Ralph to the abbot of Glaston.

We commit our offices to you to collect the biennial tenth.

Banewelle, Non., Oct., A.D. 1351.

2602. v Id., Oct., year above, at Blakeford. The lord admitted William Asston, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Henton Monachorum, vacant by the resignation of Thomas Kent, to which he was presented by William de Luttelton, precentor of Wells.

2603. 11 Oct., year above, the vicar of Wedmor, in the church of Wedmor, was condemned by John de Rysyngdon to pay half a mark on the octave of Easter next for the procuration due to the lord for the reconciliation of the cemetery of Wedmor.

2604. Bishop Ralph to the King.

We received your highness's mandate on ij Kal. Oct., and we have appointed brother Walter, abbot of Glaston to collect the tenth.

Banewelle, 10 Oct., A.D. 1351.

2605. ij Id., Oct., at Banewelle.

Licence for William Marmeduke, rector of Standerwyke, to serve the cure of the parish church of Belyngton till the feast of the Purification.

2606. Day of St. Wolfran, year above. The lord granted to

John Perot, the poor rector of Orchardesleye, that he could celebrate one annual this year in the said church in augmentation of his sustentation.

2607. Bishop Ralph to the prioress of Kanyngton.

We propose to visit your priory on Friday next after the feast of St. Luke the Evangelist next to come. We cite you and by you all nuns and sisters and others who are bound to undergo our visitation that they appear in your chapter house.

Banewelle, viij Id., Oct., A.D. 1351.

2608. The official of the court of Canterbury to Bishop Ralph.

It is intimated to us on the behalf of Master William de Tydderleye, clerk, rector of the parish church of Bodeclye, that the same Master William had obtained the said church and fearing prejudice it was appealed to the Apostolic See for the protection of the court of Canterbury. But a certain William de Tilneye, asserting that he was a clerk, and pretending that the said church was vacant when in truth it was not vacant. but it then was and yet is the said Master William's, procured himself to be presented to the said church, and you, reverend father, at the instance of the same William de Tilneye, against the appeal, caused enquiry to be made the party of Master William de Tydderleye not being lawfully warned. And the said William de Tilneye many times disturbed the said Master Willliam de Tidderleye, &c. Wherefore it is lawfully appealed to the said see. We inhibit you and by you the said William de Tilneye. Cite the said William de Tilneye that he appear before us or another president of the said court. Fol. 394.

London, viij Id., Oct., A.D. 1351.

2609. John, bishop of Exeter, to Bishop Ralph.

Although a certain Sir Philip, late rector of the church of Honeton, of our diocese, executor of the will of Richard Brouger, deceased, his parishioner, in a certain testamentary cause between Sir John Loverigge and Stephen Loverigge, plaintiffs, and the said Philip, defending, introduced before our commissioner and as yet pending undecided, got a place and term to exhibit

the will and inventory of the goods of the said deceased, and also to answer certain interrogatories concerning the said cause by the prefixing of our said commissary rightly proceeding, nevertheless the same Sir Philip did not take care to exhibit the will and inventory, but neglected without reasonable cause, publicly asserting that he would in no way regard our commissary or his process. On account of which our commissary fulminated the sentence of greater excommunication on the said Philip.

Wherefore we ask you that you cause the said Philip to be denounced as excommunicated in the church of Estcoker, which it is said he has obtained in the meantime, and in the other neighbouring churches on Sundays and feast days, and cause the said Philip to be cited.

Clyft, 9 Oct., A.D. 1351.

2610. Master John Barbe, rector of Cosyngton, has paid one mark for which he was charged in our last visitation. Surcease the execution.

Banewelle, xi Kal., Nov., in the 23rd year of our consecration.

By the bishop to Walter Bere, our receiver.

2611. xi Kal., Nov., at Banewell. The lord suffered Thomas, perpetual vicar of Chyuton, that he could celebrate twice in the day in the chapel of Emneburgh till the feast of St. Michael.

Fol. 395. 2612. Bishop Ralph to the official of the court of Canterbury.

We received your mandate, xvi Kal., Nov. We could not find William Tylneye.

Banewell, vi Kal., Nov., A.D. above.

2613. Bishop Ralph to all.

Whereas it is granted to us by the charter of the lord Edward, King of England, that we could give and grant 10*li.* of annual rent from lands and tenements at la Pulle in our manor of Congresbury, and from lands and tenements at la Worth in Woky to the vicars of St. Andrew, of Wells, and their successors forever. Know ye that we have granted and confirmed to the

same vicars 10*li.* of annual rent. To have and to take 100*s.* at la Pulle, and 100*s.* at la Worth to the vicars and their successors, who likewise shall dwell in the common house according to the ordinance which we have caused to be recorded for the vicars and their successors amongst other things.

Witnesses, Walter de Pavely and Walter de Rodeneye, knights, Richard de Hampton, Walter de Irissch, John Le Walsche.

Banewelle, 23 Oct., 23 Edw. iii.

2614. Bishop Ralph to all.

William, called Mortok, otherwise de Wryngton, for his offence in not coming before us, is punished by the sentence of greater excommunication by our commissary having special order for this.

Banewelle, viij Kal., Nov., A.D. 1351.

2615. Bishop Ralph to all.

Know all of you that we have granted, &c., to Thomas Eton, our serjeant, all that messuage with the land, &c., which Sir John Rondulf held of us at la Pulle, in our manor of Congresbury. To have and to hold, &c., to the same Thomas, for the term of his life, of us and our successors freely and quietly. Paying therefor annually to us and our successors the rents and services therefor due, and of right accustomed, and to the vicars serving in the church of St. Andrew, of Wells, and inhabiting that new dwelling-house there built for the same vicars to inhabit, 100*s.* annually. Also the said Thomas shall provide one chaplain at his costs, who shall celebrate the divine office, with the office of the deceased, every day in the same dwelling-house for our healthful estate whilst we shall live, and for our soul when we die, and for the souls of our parents and successors, and the souls of the faithful deceased.

Witnesses, Walter de Pavely, Walter de Rodeneye, knights, Richard de Hampton, Walter Irissch, John Langelond.

Banewelle, on the vigil of All Saints, 25 Edw. iii.

2616. 14 Nov., A.D. 1351, in the chapel of the bishop of Bath and Wells, within his manor of Banewell, before the first hour,

John Chaumpflour, of Wyke near Bruton, swore that he would live continent in future, and that he would visit the Holy Land. And he made a solemn vow in the presence of the bishop firmly to observe it with the consent and express will of Edith his wife, who, in the bishop's presence then and there, gave licence to the said Edith his wife, to assume the habit of religion. And the same John swore that he would never disturb Thomas FitzJames for his land, which he gave him under a certain form at Wyke near Bruton nor exact anything for it.

Fol. 396. Day and place aforesaid, in the presence of the said bishop, Edith, wife of John Chaumpflour, with the consent and licence of the said John, made a vow of chastity and continence, that as soon as she could she would enter religion, and never seek her husband again, nor disturb Thomas Fitz James to whom her said husband had given his land at Wyke near Bruton.

Present, Master John de Sydenhale, John de Burton, John de Wyncaulton, rectors of Westcammel, Telesford and Rouborghe, Richard Mortemer, Stephen de Barwe, John de Barwe, Nicholas Peres and others.

2617. x Kal., Dec., at Banewell. Licence for one year for the messenger or proctor, or his deputy, of the prior and chapter of Bath to expound its affairs to the Christian people according to the indulgences granted to them. And in the same letter the lord admonished the deans, archdeacons, &c., to admit the said messenger or proctor on Sundays and feast-days.

2618. Bishop Ralph to all.

Know ye that we have granted and let to William Seward, son of Gilbert Seward, of Cheddre, for the term of his life all that messuage with the curtilage and closes adjacent, lands, meadows and pastures in Cheddre which the same William held of us in villeinage in the same vill. To have and to hold, &c., of us and our successors freely and quietly. Paying 2*s.* annually for all secular service, exaction and demand. Saving also to us and our successors the suit at our court of Cheddre twice a year.

Witnesses, John de Langelond, John de Barton, John Fitzwater, Peter Gentilcorps, Thomas Ieone and others.
Banewelle, 6 Sept., 25 Edw. iii.

2619. iij Non., Dec., at Banewell. Licence for Walter Pope, chaplain, to celebrate in the oratory of Robert Martyn till the feast of St. Michael next.

2620. Bishop Ralph to the archdeacon of Taunton.
John, bishop of Exeter, has instituted William, late vicar of Colyton, diocese of Exeter, to the vicarage of Stokegummere, in our diocese, by reason of exchange with John Hethene, late vicar of Stokegummere, at the presentation of John de London, canon of Wells and perpetual *firmarius* of the parish church of Stokegummere. We order you that you induct the said William.
Banewell, Non., Dec., A.D. 1351.

2621. Non., Dec., A.D. above, at Banewell. The lord conferred the perpetual chantry at the altar of the Corpus Christi in the cathedral church of Wells for the soul of Master Robert de Wamberge, late archdeacon of Wells, on John de Compton, chaplain, vacant by the resignation of Robert de Camel, chaplain.

2622. Id., Dec., year above, at Banewelle. The lord instituted John Porter, priest, to the parish church of Penne Dummere, vacant by the resignation of John Kayrou, to which he was presented by William Fizt Garyn, knight, by reason of the custody of the land and heir of John Dummere being in his hand.

2623. xix Kal., Jan., A.D. above, at Banewell. The lord conferred on Nicholas atte Chaumbre, the vicarage of Overstawey, vacant by the resignation of Peter Baker.

2624. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph to attend the Parliament at Westminster on Friday the feast of St. Hillary next. Fol. 397.

Teste at Westminster, 15 Nov., 25 Edw. iii.

[Printed in Dugdale's "Summonses to Parliament," p. 243.]

2625. 15 Dec., year above, at Banewell. The lord committed his offices to Master Thomas de Bokton, his official, to admit and institute Sir John de Lyncoln, priest, to the church of Socke, and Sir Geoffrey Lome to the vicarage of the prebendal church of St. Decuman by reason of exchange made between them. And the causes of the exchange having been approved by the official he admitted the said John to the church of Socke at the presentation of Nicholas Gonnevyle, knight, on the 16th day of the same month, and Sir Robert Crosse, chaplain, proxy of Geoffrey Lome to the vicarage of St. Decuman to which he was presented by Master Robert Pernecote, rector of the church of Ayssh, proctor of Master Bernard Brocas, canon of Wells and prebendary of St. Decuman.

2626. Writ to Bishop Ralph.

Cause John Werdyr, parson of the church of Bekyngton, your clerk, to come before our justices at Westminster to answer to the prior of St. John of Jerusalem in England of a plea thar he render to him 60*s*.

Witness, J. de Stonore, at Westminster, 30 Nov., in the 25th year of our reign.

[Return.] We have cited John Werdyr.

2627. Bishop Ralph to the official of the archdeacon of Bath or the commissary or *locum-tenens* of either of them.

We have received the King's writ, as in the other part of this folio. By pretext of that writ we order you that you warn the clergy of the said archdeaconry that the archdeacons be personally present and the clergy by two fit proxies in the Parliament aforesaid.

Banewelle, xvi Kal., Jan., A.D. 1351.

2628. xiij Kal., Jan., year above, at Banwell. The lord gave licence to John Le Harpour, parish priest, of Hemyngton, that he could celebrate twice in the day, viz., on Sundays and feast days in the parish church of Writlyngton although he shall first have celebrated in the church of Hemyngton.

2629. Bishop Ralph to the prioress of Kayngton.

Our visitation in our diocese having been lawfully commenced, being hindered by certain necessary and urgent causes, we were not able to go to the monastery of Kayngton, we ordered it to be visited by Masters John de Sydenhale and Nicholas de Pontesbury, our beloved clerks. In the said visitation it was discovered that a certain Matilda Pulham and Alice Northlode, nuns of the said monastery, discourse with suspected persons and frequently admitted them and on dark nights the said nuns held Fol. 398. long and suspected conversation with Richard Sompnour aad Hugh Willynge, chaplains, in the nave of the church of the said monastery "et ut suspicatur a multis ac consequenter inciderunt in pejoribus. Dicteque sorores hiis malis non contente, prefata Matildis saltim, per insolencias, minas et tactus indecentes multos ibidem servitores solebat ad incontinenciam provocare," &c.

"Tanta igitur mala urgente consciencia non valentes, in ulta pertransire. Ordinamus ut prefata Matildis, ultima in choro et in refectorio, et Alicis penultima loca quociens divinum ibidem celebratur officium, et in refectionibus teneant claustrum per annum nullatenus egressurum. Ad hec considerantes, ubi gubernaculum discipline contemnitur necessarium est, ne religio naufragetur, firmiter injungimus et ordinamus ut omnes et singuli masculi dicto monasterio assueti penitus ammoveantur, servitoribus dictarum monialium necessariis dumtaxat exceptis, ac omnes et singuli servitores ibidem remansuri cujuscumque sexus omnes et singulas moniales dicte domus prout statui earundem convenit verbis et factis decencius reverencia et honorem impendat quelibet earundem," &c.

Extitit insuper in dicta visitacione detectum quod stupendum est relacione et horrendum auditu multisque evidenciis per viam notorietatis facti et confessionis partis compertum quod quedam monialis prefati monasterii, Johanna Trimelet, freno pudicicie nimium soluta dampnato concubitui assueta inventa est, habens in utere, licet non de spiritu sancto, postmodum edidit suum partum in grave obprobrium et confusionem sue religionis et scandalum plurimorum ita nepharium et scandalosum crimen nolentes sub dissimulacione pertransire. Ordinamus et in virtute sancte obediencie injungemus quod dicta Johanna per annum

continuum in una domo honesta infra secundam clausuram monasterii vestri maneat interclusa, secunda, tercia, et sexta feria . . . pane et aqua, suos calores macerans juveniles, et in aliis diebus quibuscumque per dictum tempus, panem, potagium et cervisiam pro suo victu sibi tantum precipimus ministrari."

We have heard that the said prioress received four women as sisters of the said monastery for 20*li.* for each, falling into the pravity of simony and sold several corrodies in the said house, our licence not being obtained or asked, &c. Nevertheless, tempering the rigour of the law with clemency, we decree that two of your discrete sisters and circumspect in temporal matters be joined with you in the administration of the temporal affairs of the said house, without whose counsel and their assent you shall do nothing.

The sub-prioress is negligent about delinquent sisters and refuses to be present at the morning at other canonical hours. We will that she be deprived openly in the presence of all her sisters by the prioress in the chapter.

Fol. 399. 2630. Writ to Bishop Ralph.

Cause Simon de Fareweye, parson of the church of Lidiard St. Lawrence, to come before our justices at Westminster to answer to the prior of Taunton of a plea that he render to him 16 marks.

Witness, J. de Stonore, at Westminster, 10 Oct., in the 25th year of our reigh.

Return. The writ came so late that we could not execute it.

2631. iij Kal., Jan., year above, at Banwell. The lord sent to the archdeacon of Wells or his official to induct Lawrence de Sancto Neoto into corporal possession of the church of St. Mary the greater, of Ivelcestre, who was instituted by Master John Scuerle, official and vicar general of John, bishop Worcester, by reason of exchange with the vicarage of Staverton.

2632. iij Kal., Jan., year above. John Westbury, rector of the church of Bekyngton, diocese of Bath and Wells appeared

before John de Risyngdon and William de Cokham, commissaries of Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells. Which said John, the writ of the lord the King having been exhibited to him by them in which it is contained that the said father should cause the said John to come before the justices to answer to the prior of St. John of Jerusalem in England of a plea that he render to him 60*s*., swore that he would preserve the lord indemnified by reason of that litigation, in the presence of John Power, rector of Pokelchurch and Roger Tybrighton.

2633. Writ to Bishop Ralph.

Cause Thomas, parson of the church of Honespull, to come before our justices to answer to John Durburgh, knight, of a plea wherefore he, together with Simon de Bradeneye, whereas the custody of the land and heir of Hugh de Baggedrippe pertains to the said John until the lawful age of the said heir by reason of a demise which Richard Lovel, of Castilcary, of whom the said Hugh held that land by knight service, made to the same John, ejected the said John from that custody.

Witness, J. de Stonore, at Westminster, 20 Oct., in the 25th year of our reign.

Return. We have cited Thomas, parson of the church of Honespulle.

2644. Bishop Ralph to the archdeacon of Bath or his official to cause it to published that prayers be offered up on Sundays and feast days for the prosperous expedition of the duke of Lancaster.

Banewelle, Id., Jan., A.D. 1351.

2635. Bishop Ralph to Ralph de Wyndesore. Fol. 400.

We confer on you the canonry and prebend in the collegiate church of St. Mary, Warwick, diocese of Worcester, vacant by reason of exchange with the canonry and prebend of Fourth Wedmor in our cathedral church of Wells, vacant by the resignation of Richard de Likamstede, canon of the collegiate church aforesaid, and institute you in the person of Albanus Atte Fenne, clerk, of the diocese of London, your proxy.

Banewelle, xvij Kal., Feb., A.D. 1351.

Bishop Ralph to Richard de Likamstede.

We confer on you the canonry and prebend of Fourth Wedmor in our cathedral church of Wells, by reason of exchange, vacant by the resignation of Ralph de Wyndesore, in the person of William de Duereburg, clerk, your proxy.

Dated this day, &c., abovesaid.

2636. Bishop Ralph to the archdeacon of Bath or his official.

John, late archbishop of Canterbury, considering the oppressions and wrongs with which the ecclesiastical liberty and jurisdiction in the realm of England had been weighed down and oppressed, with the advice and consent of his brethren and suffragans of the province of Canterbury in his provincial council celebrated at London [ordered that] all and singular who inhibit their tenants or bond-tenants from coming or appearing to ordinary citations for the correction of their crimes of excesses or for proofs of wills [&c., as in the ordinance of John Stratford, printed in "Wilkins's Concilia," vol. ii, p. 275] should be announced as excommunicated. We order you that you cause it to be announced that all such bold persons have fallen under the said sentence of excommunication.

Banewell, xvij Kal., Feb., A.D. above.

Fol. 401. 2737. xii Kal., Feb., year above, at Banwell. The lord admitted Roger de Burnyngham, otherwise de Notyngham, to the vicarage of Kenilleworth, diocese of Coventry and Lichfield, by reason of exchange with the vicarage of Cherleton Caumboyle, of his diocese, vacant by the resignation of Ralph de Rokeby, at the presentation of the prior and convent of St. Mary, of Kenilleworth, and instituted him in the person of Richard de Bereford, his proxy.

Same day and place. He instituted Ralph de Rokeby to the vicarage of Cherleton Caumboyle.

2638. v Kal., Feb., year above, at Banwell. The lord instituted John Bryan, chaplain, to the parish church of Cherleton Mussegros, to which he was presented by the King by reason of the minority of Sir Robert de Ferreys, lord of Cherleton Mussegros.

2639. Bishop Ralph to John Baudrey, chaplain.

We confer on you the perpetual chantry at the altar of Corpus Christi in our cathedral church of Wells for the soul of Robert de Wamberge, late archdeacon of Wells, vacant by the resignation of John de Compton, chaplain.

Banwell, ij Kal., Feb., year above.

2640. ij Non., Feb., year above at Banewelle. The lord instituted Walter Pope, chaplain, to the chapel of Spekyngton, to which he was presented by John de Veer, earl of Oxford and chamberlain of England.

2641. Know present and to come that we, Ralph, by divine permission bishop of Bath and Wells, have given granted and by this our present charter have confirmed to Elias de Corscomb and Margery his wife all that mill and land with the water-course of the same mill, with their appurtenances, in our manor of Woky, which Peter le Monier, of Wells, at one time held of us. To have and to hold to the aforesaid Elias and Margery his wife and the heirs issuing of their bodies, of us and our successors. [Rendering] 15*s.* 8*d.* at the four chief terms of the year, &c. And if it happen that the said Elias and Margery shall die without heir of their bodies then the aforesaid mill, &c., shall entirely revert to us and our successors.

Witnesses, Walter de Pavely, Walter de Rodeneye, knights; Walter de Temedebury, John de Coumbe, Robert Wayfer, and others.

Banewelle, Thursday next after the feast of St. Clement the Pope, 25 Edw. iii.

2642. xiv Kal., March, year above, at Wyvelscombe. The lord wrote to the archdeacon of Wells, or his official, to induct John Chaundos to the church of Breon by reason of exchange for the church of Keyne, diocese of Hereford.

2643. ix Kal., March, year above, at Wyvelescomb. The lord instituted William Aveton, chaplain, to the church of Maperton, vacant by the resignation of Master Robert Grymstone, to which he was presented by Thomas de Courtenay, knight.

2644. viij Kal., March, year above, at Wyvelscomb. The lord instituted John Gore, priest, to the vicarage of the church of Henton, vacant by the resignation of William Aston, to which he was presented by William de Luttelton.

Fol. 402. 2645. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

Whereas by our letters patent we committed to Guy de Bryan, William de Alba Marchia and John de Gogh the custody of the priory of Otryton and all the lands, &c., to that priory pertaining, which lately, amongst other lands and tenements of alien religious men of the power of France in England, we caused to be taken into our hand. Which said custody brother Roger de Monte, late prior of the place aforesaid, now deceased, had of our commission for the rent of 110*li.* To have to the same Guy, William and John, &c., as long as it should please us. Paying therefor to us annually the rent abovesaid. We command you that you cause all goods and chattels sequestrated by you or your ministers pertaining to the priory, lands and tenements aforesaid to be delivered to the same Guy, William and John.

Witness, ourself, at Westminster, 26 Feb., in the 26th year of our reign.

2646. Writ to Bishop Ralph.

Cause Sir Philip Le Doo, parson of the church of Estcoker, your clerk, to come before our justices at Westminster, to answer to Robert Le Pyl, parson of the church of Crukern of a plea that he render to him 60*s.*

Witness, J. de Stonore, at Westminster, 8 Feb., in the 26th year of our reign.

2647. 13 March, at Wyvelscombe, Sir William, rector of Aungerlegh, late dean of the deanery of Taunton, appeared before Master Thomas de Bokton, the bishop's official, and confessed that he is bound to the said lord in—

[This entry is cancelled.]

2648. xi Kal., April, year above, at Wyvelescomb. The lord instituted Robert Le Brom, acolyte, to the parish church of

Southcadebury to which he was presented by Thomas de Courtenay, knight, by reason of the inheritance of Muriel his wife.

Hic mutatur annus Domini millesimus ccclj^us^. videlicet de Annunciatione Beate Marie Virginis.

2649. iv Kal., Ap., year above, at Wyvelscomb. The lord instituted Robert atte Wyche, priest, to the parish church of Thorne Coffyn, vacant by the resignation of William, the late rector, to which he was presented by Edmund de Clyvedon, knight, by reason of William Coffyn, son and heir of William Coffyn, deceased, being in the custody of the said Edmund.

2650. Writ to Bishop Ralph.

Whereas 4*li.* 2*s.* 7*d.* are exacted by summons of our exchequer under the name of the treasurer of Wells and prebendary of Harpetre for the tenth of the same prebend for the first and second years of the biennial tenth granted to us by the clergy in the 20th year of our reign. And now we have understood by the complaint of the now treasurer and prebendary that although he was not treasurer or prebendary in the said year he is distrained. We command you that, your registers having been searched, if it appear to you that any other was prebendary there at the time of the grant and payment of the said tenth you cause the money to be levied from the goods and chattels of the treasurer and prebendary deceased.

Witness, G. de Wylford, at Westminster, 10 March, in the 26th year of our reign.

2651. Writ to Bishop Ralph.

Whereas Eleanor, who was the wife of Thomas de Schyrugge, in our court, at Westminster, demanded against Thomas de Barnstaple the third part of one messuage and two carucates of land in Hennefeld, co. Gloucester, as her dower, the same Thomas said that the said Eleanor was not joined to the said Thomas de Schyrugge in lawful matrimony. We command you that you enquire the truth of the matter.

Witness, J. de Stonore, 8 Feb., in the 26th year of our reign.

Fol. 403. 2652. Writ to Bishop Ralph ordering him to levy the sums of money from the persons as in No. 2493.

Witness, G. de Wylford, at Westminster, 24 Feb., in the 26th year of our reign.

2653. vij Kal., May, A.D. 1352, at Wyvelscombe. Licence for Robert Huyldebrond, rector of the church of Coclyngton to absent himself till the feast of St. Michael.

2654. William de Cammel, subdean of Wells, to Bishop Ralph.

I have received your mandate under the tenour of words which follows:

Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, to the subdean of Wells, greeting, grace and the benediction. We have received the King's writ under the tenour which follows.

(Here follows the writ as on p. 689.)

By pretext of which writ we commit to you to make inquisition and certify us.

Wyvelescomb, ij Non., Ap., A.D. 1352.

By the authority of which mandate I have made diligent inquisition, by which, as also by other lawful documents, I have found that a certain Master Richard de Thystelden was treasurer of the church of Wells and prebendary of Harpetre in the 20th year of the King who now is.

Which said Richard died on the 4th day of Nov., A.D. 1348. And subsequently Master Richard de Thormerton, who now is treasurer of Wells, was installed and inducted into possession on the 27th day of Nov., in the year abovesaid.

And that Master Henry de Harweden immediately succeeded the said Master [Richard] de Thistelden in the prebend of Harpetre and to him [succeeded] Henry de Ingelby who now is prebendary, but the times of the installations of the said Henry and Henry did not appear. I also found that the said Richard de Thistelden died so poor and burdened with debt that he had no goods whereby he could be buried according to the decency of his standing, nor was there anyone who would be the executor of his will. If he had any goods at the time of his death they came to the hands of his successors and were

by them employed for the repair of defects in the same benefices.

Wells, iij Id., Ap., A.D. 1352.

2655. John de Empyngham, sequestrator of Master Hugh Pellegrini treasurer of Lichfield, nuncio of the pope in England.

Whereas the parish church of Chugh is united to the table of the lord bishop of Wells by the special Apostolic grace and so the first fruits of the same church are due to the chamber of our lord the pope.

Also whereas the prebend of Weremynstre in the church of Wells was vacant and the pope specially provided for it, and so the first fruits are due to the chamber of the pope. The fruits, &c., whereof Master Hugh sequestrated and we, his sequestrator, have published and announced that the goods of the said church and prebend are so sequestrated by Sir Hugh.

And, because we cannot attend to the collection and custody of them, we order you that you collect the goods of the said church and prebend and keep them under safe sequestration.

Wells, iv Id., Ap., A.D. 1352.

Also under the same form the custody of the fruits of the prebend of St. Decuman is committed to the precentor.

The custody of the fruits of the prebend of Wanstre to Master S. de Hulle. The custody of the fruits of the prebend of Wyvelscombe to Master Thomas de Bukton. The custody of the prebend of Combe Prima to Master John Thursteyn.

2656. xvi Kal., May, A.D. 1352, at Wyvelscombe. The lord instituted Richard de Brokesbourne, priest, to the vicarage of the prebendal church of Ilton to which he was presented by Stephen de Brokesbourne, canon of Wells and prebendary of Ilton.

2657. Non., May, year above.

Thomas Cogan, rector of Honespulle, appeared before Master Thomas de Bukton, the lord's official, in the prebendal church of Wyvelscombe and swore that he would preserve the lord indemnified as regards the writ for John de Wydeford, Henry Russel and others, executors of Robert Wodeford for 100s which they demand from him. And the said Thomas is warned

under the debt of his oath that he shall find two sureties, rectors or vicars, therefor.

Present, John de Rysyngdon and Thomas Sparke, chaplain, and John de Chestre.

2658. Bishop Ralph to Master Stephen de Hull, canon of Wells.

We have received the mandate of Simon, archbishop of Canterbury, in these words. Simon, &c.

Cum dudum auctoritate apostolica per nostras certi tenoris literas vobis exhibitas, traditas et liberatas ad levandos, exigendos et colligendos de singulis libris omnium bonorum et beneficiorum ecclesiasticorum vestrarum civitatis et diocesis pro expensis domini Bernardi de Caulasone, et de singulis xl solidis bonorum et beneficiorum hujusmodi, secundum taxacionem eorum, singulis quadrantibus pro expensis Magistri Reymundi Pelegrini, &c.[1]

Fol. 405. Datum apud Maghfeld Id., Aprilis anno Domini millesimo ccclij° et consecrationis nostre tercio.

We order you that you study to execute our aforesaid mandates concerning the said Masters Bernard and Raymund exhibited, sent and delivered to you, if, and to what extent they are not executed according to their force, form and effect, anew, and also the present mandate as far as it touches the expenses of the said Bertrand de Arrazone in all things, and do not omit to send the money to the rector of the church of St. Gregory, the receiver appointed by the archbishop, before the feast of St. James next.

Wyvelscombe, xvij Kal., June, A.D. above.

2659. Ralph, bishop of London, to Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells.

We have received the letters of Simon, archbishop of Canterbury, containing the series of words under written. Simon, &c. Nuper in parliamento regio London' habito, nobis instantibus, pro debita reformacione quarundam injuriarum Deo et sancte

[1] Printed in full in *Wilkins's Concilia*, vol. iii. p. 20. It recites the bull of Pope Clement VI, ordering the expenses of Bertrand de Arragone, serjeant of his arms, whom he sent to France and England, to be paid.

ecclesie illatarum, quas conniventibus oculis nequissimum transire, pro et ex eo videlicet quod judices seculares nitentes plus solito in messem divinam mittere falcem suam, clericos, etiam si sacerdotes fuerint, et insuper regulares in possessione clericatus et sacerdotii : et pro talibus tam per ipsos quam per alios, publice et communiter reputatos, de et super variis criminibus, flagiciis, seu sceleribus coram ipsis irretitos, seu etiam indictatos judiciarie potestatis sue fines notorie excedentes, et in christos Domini sibi in causis criminalibus hujusmodi nullo jure subjectos, potestatem indebitam usurpantes, ipsos clericos, et sacerdotes contra sacros canones, et ecclesiasticas libertates, morti turpissime et insolite condempnare, addicere, et effectualiter tradere, non verentur,[1] &c.

Datum apud Lambeth xij Kal., Marcii, anno Domini millesimo, ccc. lj° et nostre consecrationis tertio.

Therefore by the authority above said we order you that you observe all things contained in the said ordinance.

Stebbenheth, Id., March, A.D. above.

2660. Ralph, bishop of London, to Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells. Fol. 406.

We have received the letters of Simon, archbishop of Canterbury, containing this series of words. Simon, &c. Dudum propter insaciabilem capellanorum avariciam non curancium animarum curas gerere seu curis hujusmodi deservire, pecuniarum lucris plus quam animarum saluti inhiancium ut capellanos hujusmodi ad deserviend: animarum curis compellandos, et alios anualia celebrantes et non curatorum obsequiis insistentes, certo statuto salario contentos, sub certa forma per nostras certi tenoris literas per vos ceteris suffraganeis nostris dirigendas vobis meminimus injunxisse, &c.[2]

Datum apud Maghfeld, ij Non., Marcii, A.D. millesimo ccc. lj° et nostre consecrationis tertio.

We order you that you diligently execute the said letters.

Suthmenstre, 2 Ap., A.D. 1352.

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[1] Printed in full in *Wilkins's Concilia*, vol. iii. p. 13.

[2] Printed in *Wilkins's Concilia*, vol. ii. p. 15, under date 12 cal. March, A.D. 1351.

2651. The clerk of the official of the archdeacon of Wells to Bishop Ralph.

I have received your mandate containing the form below.

Ex crebro vulgi clamore multorum nobilium et fidedignorum relacione auribus nostris est inculcatum quod quidam prodicionis filii in via lata que ducit ad mortem ambulantes, livore invidie inflammati tam clericos quam laicos et in ecclesia Dei magna preditos dignitate, falsas querelas assumentes coram Justiciariis domini nostri regis et alibi scienter et maliciose indictant seu facient et procurant per alios indictari; et alii sunt antichristi satellites, conspiratores et falsi juratores in assisis juratis coram Justiciariis domini nostri regis, &c. Volentes paterna solicitudine dictos presumptores in Deum impios et in vicinos inhumanos, ne ultra sit, set rubore confusi ad absolucionis gratiam et reconciliacionis effectum celerius se inclinent et fructus penitencie agant dignos. Vobis in virtute sancte obediencie et sub pena canonica firmiter injungimus et mandamus quatinus singulis diebus dominicis et festivis usque ad festum Pentecostes proximum futurum intra missarum solempnia cum major affuerit cleri et populi multitudo in albis induti, cruce erecta, campanis pulsatis, candelis in manibus accensis, &c., dictos malefactores dictam excommunicationis sententiam incidisse et ea ligatos esse publice, solempniter et in genere in singulis ecclesiis vestri archidiaconatus denuncietis, &c.

Wyvelescomb, 13 March, A.D. 1351.

Which said mandate I have recently executed in all things, but I found no one guilty.

Wells, x Kal., June, A.D. above.

Fol. 407. 2662. Writ to Bishop Ralph.

Cause Thomas, parson of the church of Honispulle, your clerk, to come before our justices to answer to John Durbourgh, knight, of a plea wherefore, whereas the custody of the land and heir of Hugh de Baggedrippe, pertains to the said John by reason of the demise which Richard Lovel, of Castelcary, made, the same Thomas, together with Simon Bradeneye ejected him from that custody.

Witness J. de Stonore, at Westminster, 14 May, in the 26th year of our reign.

2663. iij Id., June, year above, at Wyvelscomb. The lord deputed William de Asschelegh, priest, *in commendam* to the parish church of Capelond.

2664. xiv Kal., July, year above, at Wyvelscombe. The lord admitted Robert de Charenchowes, priest, to the vicarage of Canyngton to which he was presented by the prioress and convent of Canyngton.

2665. Bishop Ralph to William Fabel, rector of Horsyngton. We grant you special licence that you may let your said church to farm to Walter Waleis for two years.

Wyvelescomb, vigil of the nativity of St. John the Baptist, A.D. 1352.

2666. viij Id., July, year above, at Wyvelescomb. The lord instituted Philip le Doo, priest, to the parish church of Hemyngton, vacant by the resignation of Robert de Dokton,[1] to which he was presented by Sir Hugh de Courtenay, earl of Devon and lord of Okampton.

viij Id., July, A.D. above, at Wyvelscomb. The lord instituted Robert Doggeton, priest, to the parish church of Estcoker, vacant by the resignation of Philip Doo,[2] at the presentation of Sir Hugh Courtenay, earl of Devon.

2667. iv Id., July, year above, at Wyvelscomb. The lord admitted John Chamberleyn, of Wolferton, priest, of the diocese of Worcester, to the vicarage of Stokecursi, by reason of exchange with the church of St. Peter, Bristol, vacant by the resignation of Philip Mareys, at the presentation of the King by reason of the war.

2668. xiv Kal., Aug., A.D. above, at Wyvelescomb. The lord admitted Edward de Chirdestoke, acolyte, to the parish church

[1] The words "ratione cujusdam permutationis cum ecclesia de Estcoker quam dictus Philippus prius optinebat" are crossed out.

[2] The words "ex causa permutationis cum ecclesia de Hemynton quam prius optinebat" are crossed out.

of Rympton at the presentation of William, bishop of Winchester.

2669. xi Kal., Aug., year above, at Wyvelscombe. The lord admitted Robert le Bruer, chaplain, to the vicarage of Stokgummer by reason of exchange with the church of Combe Pyn, diocese of Exeter, vacant by the resignation of William Coke, to which he was presented by John de London, canon of Wells.

Same day and place. The lord admitted William Coke, priest, to the parish church of Combe, by reason of exchange with the vicarage of Stokgummer, to which he was presented by Sir William Umfravyle.

2670. The lord, at Ilemynstre, granted to the rector of Coryryvel a letter to be ordained to all holy orders, the register having been searched by William Couk, chaplain, at the testimony of Robert de Sancto Claro.

Fol. 407a. 2671. Stephen de Hulle, canon of Wells.

I have levied and collected the farthings in the name of the procuration of Bertrand de Arragone to what extent I could and paid them. Concerning the other farthings in the name of the procuration of Bernard de Caulasone and Raymund Pelegrini. I fully satisfied them some time before the receipt of the mandate. But those not paying the farthings in the name of the procuration of Bertrand de Arragone, the names of whom the annexed schedule contains, I have caused to be warned.

Wells, penultimate day of July, A.D. above.

2672. Bishop Ralph to William, abbot of St. Mary de Pratis, Leicester, of the order of St. Augustine, diocese of Lincoln.

We lately received your letters containing the form which follows:

Whereas Henry de Walton, canon and prebendary of H. in our collegiate church of St. Mary, near the castle of Leicester, and Master Raymund Pelegrini, canon and prebendary of Hengestrigge in your church of Wells propose to exchange the said benefices, we commit our offices to you.

In our abbey of Leicester, 20 July, A.D. 1352.

By authority of which commission we have thought fit to confer the canonry and prebend of H. on Master Raymund.

Wyvelescomb, iv Non., Aug., A.D. 1352.

Bishop Ralph to Henry de Walton.

We confer on you the canonry of our church of Wells and prebend of Hengstrigge, vacant by the resignation of Master Raymund Pelegrini.

Dated the day, place and year above.

Bishop Ralph to the dean of Wells.

Because we have conferred the canonry of our church of Wells and the prebend of Hengstrigge on Master Henry de Walton, we order you that you induct him, and assign him a stall in the choir and a place in the chapter.

Dated the day, place and year aforesaid.

Bishop Ralph to Master Raymund Pelegrini.

We confer on you the canonry and prebend of H. in the collegiate church of St. Mary near the castle of Leicester, vacant by the resignation of Henry de Walton by reason of exchange with the canonry in our church of Wells and prebend of Hengestrigge, by authority of William, abbot of St. Mary de Pratis.

Dated the day, place and year above.

2673. Writ to Bishop Ralph.

Cause William Rudman, parson of the church of Chiryton, your clerk, to come before our justices at Westminster to answer to John de Malteby, parson of the church of Westcoker, of a plea that he render to him 50 marks.

Witness, J. de Stonore, at Westminster, 6 July, in the 26th year of our reign.

[Return]. We have caused William Rudman to be cited.

2674. The King to the sheriff of Somerset.

Whereas it is contained in the statute made in our parliament at Westminster on the octaves of the Purification in the 25th year of our reign that all cloths put up for sale, which are sold for entire cloths in England, shall be measured by our alnager or his

deputies; and now on the behalf our valet, John Mareys, to whom we have committed the office of our alnager of cloths for his life, we have heard that bailiffs of liberties and keepers of fairs carry with them rods for measuring cloths in fairs and markets. We order you that, in the instant fair of Prydie and all fairs and markets in your bailwick, you cause to be proclaimed on our behalf that no one carry rods to fairs and markets to measure such cloths.

Witness, ourself, at Westminster, 3 Aug., in the 26th year of our reign.

2675. Writ to Bishop Ralph as in No. 2493.

Fol. 4c8. Witness G. de Wylford, at Westminster, 16 June, in the 26th year of our reign.

[Return.] The person within written, the prior de Periculo Maris and William de Piggesleigh, executor of the will of Richard de Rodeneye, knight, and William de Elmedon, parson of the church of Senebergh, excepted, are not beneficed in our diocese. As regards the prior de Periculo Maris we notify to you that all the fruits of his benefice are seized by the King. We send you 7*s*. exacted from William de Piggeslegh, and 40*d*. from William de Elmedon.

2676. Writ to Bishop Ralph to attend the Council at Westminster on the morrow of the Assumption.

Teste at Westminster, 20 July, 26 Edw. iii.

[Printed in Dugdale's "Summonses to Parliament," p. 246].

2677. Bishop Ralph to the King.

We received the letters or writ of your royal highness on the 4th day of August in our manor of Wyvelscombe, as in the last writ. But because we are detained by the distance of the places and other hindrances we appoint Master Thomas de Bokton, clerk, our proxy.

Wyvelescomb, 8 Aug., A.D. 1352.

2678. 15 Aug., year above.

The lord committed to the dean of Poulet and Nicholas de Pontesbury (and sent with them Master Simon Fareweye) to

cite Thomas, rector of Honespull, to appear at a certain day to preserve the lord indemnified and to sequestrate all the fruits of the same by reason of the writ which John Durberwe prosecutes against him for the custody of the land and heir of Hugh Baggedrippe.

Same day he committed to Nicholas de Pontesbury and the vicar of Stoke under Hamedon to levy 4 marks from the goods of the prior de Periculo Maris at Mertoke for the tenth of the third year of the triennial tenth granted to the King.

Same day and place. The lord committed to the same to levy 40*d.* from William de Emeldon, rector of Senebergh, due to the King for a certain disseisin.

Same day the lord committed to the vicars of Northon and . . . to relax the sequestration put by the lord on the fruits of the church of Northon at the prayers of the prince.

Same day the lord wrote to the rector of Bacwell to pay him 7*s.* due to the King for Sir Richard Riden for issues forfeited.

2679. Bishop Ralph to the rector of Spaxton and Thomas de Chyw, clerk. Fol. 409.

Whereas Master Stephen de Hull, rector of the church of Baggeworth, is tied with the sentence of greater excommunication, we order you that you levy, collect, and keep all emoluments, fruits and issues falling to the said church of Baggeworth until the said Stephen shall merit the benefit of absolution.

Wyvelescomb, Non., Aug., A.D. 1352.

2680. Bishop Ralph to Simon, archbishop of Canterbury.

We have received letters containing Simon, &c., as on the fifth folio preceding. And because we could not personally attend to the arranging and expedition of the said Apostolic letters and yours we committed them and the others concerning the procurations of Sirs Bernard de Caulasone and Raymund Pelegrini to Master Simon de Hulle, to execute. Simon de Hulle certified us as is aforesaid,[1] and so we have executed your mandates as far as we could.

Wyvelescombe, 4 Aug., A.D. above.

[1] Cf. No. 2671.

2681. The King's writ to his escheator in the county of Somerset.

We command you that by the oath of true and lawful men of your bailiwick, you diligently enquire if it be to our harm or prejudice or of others if we grant to Master Thomas de Bokton, and William Cammel, clerks, that they can give and assign one messuage, one carucate of land, 24 acres of meadow, 6 acres of wood and 20s. 8d. of rent in Wellesleigh, Doultecote and Eston, to the keeper and vicars of the new fabric of Wells, to celebrate divine services for the healthful estate of Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, and Thomas and William whilst they shall live and for their souls when they die, and also for the souls of the father and mother of the said R. and Walter (sic) in the church of St. Andrew, of Wells, every day. And to the same Thomas and William that they can grant that one messuage, 8 acres of land and 1½ acres of meadow in Doultecote which John de Wellesleigh holds for the term of his life, of the said Thomas and William, one messuage in the same vill which John Le Carpunter holds for the term of his life, one messuage in the same vill which Robert Le Marlere holds for the term of his life, one messuage and 3 acres of land in the same vill which Mary Poupes and Alice Poupes hold for the term of their lives, one messuage, 10 acres of land and one acre of meadow and a half in the same vill which John Botiler holds for the term of his life, one messuage and 15 acres of land and 1½ acres meadow, in the same vill which John, son of Thomas de Doultecote, holds for the term of his life, one messuage and the moiety of one ferling of land in the same vill which Geoffrey Burgeis holds for the term of his life, one messuage and the moiety of one ferling of land, in the same vill which John, son of Thomas, holds for the term of his life and one messuage 10 acres of land and the moiety of one acre of meadow in Eston which William Frankeleyn holds for the term of his life, shall remain to the said keeper and vicars. To have and to hold to them and their successors for ever, or not, &c.

Witness, ourself, at Westminster, 24 July, in the 26th year of our reign.

Thomas de Draycote, John Mertoke, Nicholas Fykeys, John de Combehaweye, Richard Bithewell, William Wynd, John Chestre, John Cokhull, John de Aysshewyk, Walter atte Wythie and William Bewel, the jurors, say that it is not to the harm or

prejudice of the King or others if the King grant to Master Thomas de Bokton and William Cammel, clerks that they can give and grant one messuage and one carucate of land, 24 acres of meadow, 6 acres of wood and 20*s.* 8*d.* of rent in Wellesleigh, Doultecote and Eston, as is contained in the writ, to the keeper and vicars of the new fabric of Wells. The said messuages, &c., are held of the bishop of Bath and Wells, by the service of doing homage and fealty to the bishop and the bishop holds them of the King as parcel of the temporalities of his bishopric. They are worth 40*s.* by the year, and no lands or tenements remain to the same Thomas and William beyond the gift, &c., aforesaid.

2682. x Kal., Sept., year above, at Wyvelscombe. The lord admitted William Burgeys, of Brockesworth, priest, to the vicarage of Clyvedon, vacant by the resignation of John Wyllyng, to which he was presented by the abbot and convent of St. Augustine, Bristol. Fol. 41o.

2683. Last day of Aug., A.D. 1352, at Loccomb. The lord granted licence to the rector of Prollok to absent himself when he thinks fit for a year.

2684. 6 Sept., year above, at Enemere. The lord admitted John de Stanys, chaplain, to the chantry of Gothurste at the presentation of John de Popperham, lord of Hunteworth. Who swore that if litigation were set in motion, he would leave it at the order of the lord.

2685. xii Kal., Oct., year above, at Hyehamme. The lord admitted John Hunte, priest, to the vicarage of the church of Vyfhyde, vacant by the resignation of John Crukecade, to which he was presented by Thomas, the abbot, and the convent of Muchelney.

2686. Same day and place. The lord admitted Thomas Syrman, chaplain, to the vicarage of Cherde, vacant by reason of exchange with the church of Cryket Thomas, to which he was presented by Andrew de Offord, warden of Wells.

[1] On a schedule sewed on to the leaf.

Same day and place. The lord instituted Richard Moigne, priest, to the church of Cryket Thomas, vacant by reason of exchange with the vicarage of Cherde, to which he was presented by Elizabeth de Clyvedon, relict of the lord John de Clyvedon, the younger.

2687. Writ to Bishop Ralph.

Cause Master Bernard Brocaz, prebendary of St. Decuman, to come before our justices, at Westminster, to answer to the prior of Bruton of a plea that he render to him 56*s*.

Witness, J de Stonore, at Westminster, 11 July, in the 26th year of our reign.

Return. We have caused Master Bernard Brocaz to be cited.

2688. Writ to Bishop Ralph.

Cause Thomas Cogan, parson of the church of Honespull, to come before our justices, at Westminster, to answer to Robert de Crawethorn and Simon Bray, executors of the will of William de Crawethorn of a plea that he render to them 20*li*.

Witness J. de Stonore, at Westminster, 11 July, in the 26th year of our reign.

2689. Oliver de Cerceto, dean of St. Hillary, of Poitiers, the pope's chaplain and auditor of the sacred palace, together with his colleagues, to all abbots, priors, deans, &c., in the province of Canterbury and others whom it concerns.

Know that we have received the letters of Pope Clement the sixth, the tenour of which is such.

Clemens episcopus, &c., venerabili fratri Simoni archiepiscopo Cantuariensi salutem, &c. Cum itaque sicut exhibita nobis tua petitio continebat, ecclesia tua Cantuariensis adeo sic magnis debitorum oneribus pregravata quod de illis non speras infra magnum temporis spacium satisfacere posse absque sedis apostolice auxilio speciali. Nos attendentes quod divisa in partes onera levius perferuntur ac equum reputantes, et congruum, persone ecclesiastice tuarum ut civitatis et diocesis, ac provincie Cantuar' tecum hujusmodi onera parciantur tuis supplicationibus inclinati ut ab omnibus personis ecclesiasticis, secularibus, et regularibus non exemptis benefacia ecclesiastica pro quibus decima solvitur in eisdem civitate et diocesi, ac

provincia, obtinentibus juxta ipsorum exigenciam facultatum petere et recipere auctoritate nostra, semel dumtaxat, libere valeas caritativum subsidium moderatum pro hujusmodi debitis facilius exsolvendis, non obstantibus felicis recordationis Benedicti pape xij, predecessoris nostri et aliis quibuscumque constitutionibus, statutis et consuetudinibus, &c.

Datum apud Villamnovam, Avinon' diocesis, xvij Kal., Octobris, pontificatus nostri anno decimo.

The tenour of another letter is such.

Clemens episcopus, &c., venerabilibus fratribus Thelosensibus ac Brakarensibus archiepiscopis et dilecto filio decano ecclesie sancti Illarii Pictavensis salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. And ends so. Quocirca discretioni vestre per apostolica scripta mandamus quatinus vos vel duo aut unus vestrum per vos vel alium seu alios faciatis, hac vice, auctoritate nostra, eidem Simoni, Fol. 411. archiepiscopo, vel ejus procuratori seu procuratoribus ejus nomine juxta hujusmodi concessionis nostre tenorem a predictis personis infra competentem terminum quam eis ad hoc duxeritis prefigendum : hujusmodi subsidium integraliter exhiberi non obstantibus omnibus supradictis, &c. Datum apud Villam novam, Avinon' diocesis, xvij Kal., Octobris pontificatus nostri anno decimo.

We decree that the subsidy shall be levied and exacted from whatsoever ecclesiastical benefices as well secular as regular, of those not exempt, whether such benefices consist in spiritual or temporal things, for which a tenth is paid or hitherto has been wont to be paid in the same city and diocese. We notify to all of you who hold ecclesiastical benefices taxed at a tenth or eleventh that within the space of sixty days you pay the moiety of the sum of *6d.* from a mark and the other moiety within fifty-one days when a year has revolved.

Dated at Avinion in the *hospitium* of our habitation A.D. 1352, March 27. Presentibus discretis viris magistris Johanne Fabri de Metulo, Jure perito, Petro de Hakenesse, Johanne de Burgo Sancti Petri et Guillelmo de Vitulo, notariis publicis, ac Cobno Avenel de Escharis Douncello, Pictavensi, Ebor', Lincoln', Tullensi, et Abroicensi diocesibus ac pluribus aliis testibus.

And I, Nicholas Jacobi, of Braquis, clerk of the diocese of Rimini, public notary, was present and set down these things in writing.

Fol. 412. And I, Robert de Baumburgh, clerk of the diocese of Durham, public notary, made a collation of the present copy in the presence of Sir John de Sulthorn, rector of the church of Laryhorn, diocese of Exeter, and John Kele, clerk, of the diocese of Lincoln. A.D. 1352, Sept., 11, at Maidenstone.

2690. vi Kal., Oct., year above, at Pokyngton. Licence for the rector of Stokylynch Otryzer to celebrate sacraments and sacramentals to the parishioners of Stoklynch Magdalen for a year.

2691. Simon, archbishop of Canterbury, to Bishop Ralph exhorting him to induce the ecclesiastical men of his diocese to pay 4*d.* from the mark of the subsidy granted to him.

Maideneston, iv Id., Sept., A.D. 1352.

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2692. Bishop Ralph to the King.

We have received your highness's writ in these words, (see No. 2651.)

We have caused it to be enquired into whether matrimony was celebrated between Eleanor and Thomas Schyrugge. It is proved that the said Eleanor was joined in lawful matrimony to the said Thomas de Schirugge.

Ilemynstre, vi Kal., Oct., A.D. 1352.

Fol. 413. 2693. Bishop Ralph to the abbot of Keynisham.

We have received the letters of Sir Oliver de Circeto, dean of St. Hilary, concerning the subsidy granted to Simon, archbishop of Canterbury. We order you, whom we appoint our sub-executor and collector, that you diligently execute the said letters.

Kyngesbury, 27 Sept., A.D. &c., and the 24th of our consecration.

Bishop Ralph to the same.

We have received the letters of Simon, archbishop of Canterbury, under the tenour which follows, as in the other letters concerning the subsidy, which we order to be diligently executed by you. Simon, &c.

2694. 3 Oct., year above at Chiselbergh. The lord conferred the chantry of La Forde, in the parish of Beaudrip, on Peter de Wotton. He likewise granted to him that he could celebrate one annual in the year in subsidy of the said chantry. And that he could celebrate twice for three days in the week by the year although he shall first have celebrated masses in the church of Cosyngton.

2695. ij Id., Oct., year above, at Sparkeford. The lord conferred the church of Stanlegh on Lawrence Butte, clerk, and instituted him as rector.

2696. Bishop Ralph to the dean of Wells or his vicegerent to pray for the victory by Thomas, duke of Lancaster, over his adversaries.

Evercrich, ix Kal., Nov., A.D. 1352.

2697. 26 Oct., year above, at Wells. The lord instituted Robert Chaumberleyn, chaplain, to the vicarage of the parish church of Evercrych, vacant by the resignation of John Mey, to which he was presented by Henry, prior of the hospital of St. John, of Wells, and the brethren of the same place.

2698. iv Kal., Nov., year above, at Woky. The lord instituted Robert de Stikeneye in the parish church of Hacch Beauchaump by reason of exchange with Geoffrey Ludeford for the church of Aischsprington, diocese of Exeter, by authority of the bishop of Exeter.

2699. 3 Nov., year above, at Jatton. The lord instituted William de Drayton, chaplain, of the diocese of Lichfield, to the church of Whethull, vacant by the resignation of Richard de Aldefeld, to which he was presented by William de Banastre.

2700. 27 Nov., year above, at Batecomb. The lord instituted Geoffrey de Causton, priest. to the parish church of Clive, vacant by the resignation of William Blaunchetote, to which he was presented by William Portebrefe.

2701. 5 Nov., A.D. 1352, in the hall of the church of Clopton, John Guryman before J. de Risyngdon, the lord's commissary, asked that he be absolved from the sentence of excommunication for not paying Richard de Chiw 8½ marks. He is to pay a third part on the day of Holy Trinity, a third part on the next day of Holy Trinity, and a third part on the next day of Holy Trinity. Afterwards he was absolved.

Present, Master Thomas de Bockton, . . . John Lumbard and others.

2702. The King to Bishop Ralph.

You and the other bishops and the clergy granted us a biennial tenth at four terms. We, wishing to be answered for the money for the said tenth for the second year, order you that you cause someone of your diocese to be assigned to collect it.

Witness, ourself, at Westminster, 20 Oct., in the 26th year of our reign.

Fol. 414. 2703. Day of St. Edmund the archbishop, at Keynesham. Licence for Robert Dunslond, rector of Middelchinnok, to study in the university of Oxford for a year, at the solicitation of Master Thomas de Bockton, A.D. 1352.

2704. 9 Dec., year above.

The matter of exchange between Robert Brok, rector of Farnebergh, diocese of Bath and Wells, and Robert Alewy, rector of Gydenham, diocese of Exeter, was committed to J. bishop of Exeter. The resignation of the church of Farnebergh having been approved, he instituted Robert Alewy to the church of Farnebergh.

2705. xi Kal., Jan., year above, at Banewell. The lord admitted Robert Haukyns, priest, to the parish church of Capelond at the presentation of Simon de Meriet.

2706. iv Kal., Jan., year above, at Banewell. The lord instituted Richard Laurans, of Stratton, priest, to the vicarage of the prebendal church of Barton, vacant by the resignation of

Richard de Saunford, to which he was presented by Robert de Baldok, canon of Wells and prebendary of Barton.

2707. 18 Jan., year above.

Henry de Forde appeared personally before Master Thomas de B. in the church of Banewell, and the article being given to him he has a day on Monday next in the first week of Lent in the prebendal church of Wyveliscomb to answer to the same. And the tenour of the article is so. In the name of God. Amen. We, Thomas de Bokton, special commissary of Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, for the things below written, say, propose, and object against you, Henry de Ford, that you, H. often entered into our park of Claverton against our will, killed, and carried away or consumed does and other our forest game in our said park in the same year 1352 and every month of the same. And so you have fallen many times into the sentence of greater excommunication.

We intend to proceed against you.

2708. Writ to Bishop Ralph as in No. 2493.

Witness G. de Wilford, at Westminster, 24 Nov., in the 26th year of our reign.

Return. The rector of Portland and all the others, except the prior de Periculo Maris, William de Piggeslye and William de Elmedon, are not beneficed in our diocese.

The prior, William and William have no goods.

2709. The King to the sheriff of Somerset.

Distrain Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, that he have Thomas Cogan, parson of the church of Honespull, before our justices, at Westminster, to answer to John de Wodeford, Henry Russel, John Everard, John Richeman, and John Powel, executors of the will of Robert de Wodeford, late merchant and citizen of New Sarum, of a plea that he render to them 110*s*.

Witness, J. de Stonore, at Westminster, 8 Nov., in the 26th year of our reign.

2710. Bishop Ralph to Master Thomas de Bokton, professor of civil law.

We confer on you the canonry and prebend of Barton, in our church of Wells, belonging to our collation by ordinary right and also committed to us to confer by authority of the Apostolic See.

Banewell, 21 Jan., A.D. 1352.

Bishop Ralph to Master T. de Bokton, canon in the church of Wells.

We grant to you the houses which Master Robert de Baldok inhabited whilst he lived in our city of Wells, as long as you shall be a canon of our church, to inhabit, with the curtilage adjacent.

Banewell, 21 Jan., year above.

Fol. 415. 2711. On the day of the Conversion of St. Paul, A.D. 1352, at Banewell.

Licence for brothers John Heylot and Richard Boscar', of the order of Minors of Bristol, to hear confessions according to the effect of the constitution "supra cathedram" at the presentation of Gilbert, warden of the place.

Day, place and year above.

Licence for brothers John Grelyngton, prior of the brethren of the order of St. Mary de Carmelo, Bristol, John Welwyk, bachelor in theology, John Trefruthken, John de Wygornia, and Robert Waleys, of the same order, to hear confessions according to the effect of the constitution "super cathedram" at the presentation of the same prior.

2712. Inter sollicitudines nostris humeris incumbentes, illud nostre consideracioni occurrit precipuum, ne in agro dominico monasterii, videlicet de Keynesham, canonicorum regularium nostre diocesis indecorum aliquid obrepat, sive viciosum quicquam perniciosam segetem incalescat. Set in illo potius flores honoris et honestatis fructus in ubertate succrescant, Ad inpendendum igitur jure ordinario nostrum visitationis officium, in dictum monasterium die Jovis proximo post festum sancti Martini proximo preterito curavimus declinare, quam actualiter tunc ibidem juxta juris exigenciam excercentes, quedam in dicta visitatione dilectos filios abbatem et conventum monasterii

prelibati concernentia inter cetera detecta invenimus, quorum occasione aliquas ad honorem Dei et monasterii predicti utilitatem ibidem ordinavimus injunctiones tenore presencium exprimendas.

In primis in dicta visitatione detectum extitit, et rite coram nobis compertum, quod nec abbas seu alii obedienciarii habentes administrationes seu officicia dicti monasterii, consueta per ejusdem canonicos gubernari, vel conversi habentes administrationem in Tannar', Fabrie', Berton', et Wyneffr' in suis officiis suspecti ex certis causis ab anno quo pestilencie et mortalitatis insolita calamitas in partibus istis invaluit, rationcinia de dictis suis administrationibus reddiderunt, prout de jure et sanctorum patrum constitutiones dinoscuntur astricti. Necnon quod ad custodiam ostiorum claustralium deputati in officiis suis adeo sunt negligentes et remissi, quod viros seculares et mulieres horis indebitis ea ingredi paciuntur.

Item quod nec silencium canonici prefati monasterii pro temporibus et locis de regula et observanciis suis debitis et requisitis observant, &c.

Injunximus igitur ut officiarii suprascripti de administrationibus suis predictis ratiocinia sua et compotos citra festum Pasche proximum futurum plenarie reddant sicut de jure et sanctorum patrum constutionibus in hac parte promulgatis arcius obligantur, abbate dumtaxat excepto, &c.

Extitit eciam in dicta visitatione detectum et rite coram nobis compertum quod in diebus anniversarii bone memorie Gilberti nuper comitis Glucestrie dicti monasterii fundatoris ac pro anniversario cujuslibet abbatis et singulorum Canonicorum ejusdem monasterii defunctorum unus panis, una lagena cervisie, unum ferculum de coquina elemosinarii dicti monasterii qui pro tempore fuerit a tempore cujus contrarii memoria non existit, solebant elargiri pauperibus distribuenda, que a certo tempore penitus sunt subtracta. Item quod due partes conventus aliquando simul in refectoris non comedunt, sed ad alia loca divisim se conferunt horis consuete refectionis debitis. Ita quod vix tercia pars conventus hora debita in refectorio invenitur. Necnon quod camerarius qui modo est per aliqua tempora x*li.* sterlingorum predicto conventui debitus annuatim pro certis anniversariis per eosdem celebrandis subtraxhit. Ac

eciam quod panis elicitus et exquisitus de medulla tritici pro senioribus canonicis et de residuo tritici pro junioribus canonicis panis debilior preparatur. Injunximus igitur in virtute sancte obediencie ut panis et cervisia ac unum ferculum de coquina pro anniversariis defunctorum, ut premittitur debitis, elemosinario prefati monasterii qui est, vel pro tempore fuerit, solvantur infuturum, prout retro temporibus fieri consuevit. Ac etiam quod abbas prefati monasterii, si due partes conventus singulis diebus ad minus non comedunt in refectorio horis debitis et consuetis, sollicite et frequenter inquirat. Et si per hujusmodi inquisitionem in hoc articulo invenerit fore excessum, presidens sub eo, cujus culpa illud dinoscitur contigisse, precipimus quod coherceat gravi pena. Injunximus etiam camerario qui est vel pro tempore fuerit in virtute sancte obedientie, et sub pena amissionis officii sui, quod decem libras ut premittitur ad quatuor anni terminos equalibus porcionibus conventui antedicto integraliter, nisi rationabili causa aliud inducat, absque quacumque dilatione persolvat. Volentes quod canonicis minoribus sicut senioribus absque personarum acceptacione in panibus et aliis victualibus equaliter per dicti monasterii officiarios ministretur. Occasione insuper detectorum in dicta nostra visitatione et rite compertorum ordinavimus etiam et injunximus, ut carte, instrumenta et munimenta quecumque monasterii prelibati sint in una cista recondita sub seratura trium clavium, quarum unam abbas qui est vel pro tempore fuerit custodiat, et alias duas gerant supprior et Johannes Wamberge, canonicus dicte domus. Et postquam dicti supprior et Johannes decesserint vel cesserint, vel alter eorum decesserit vel cesserit, suis officiis vel officio in hac parte, duo vel unus de senioribus et provectioribus canonicis dicte domus prout predicti canonici, clavigeri, simul vel successive decesserint vel amoti fuerint per abbatem et majorem partem conventus loco eorundem aut ejusdem celeriter subrogetur vel subrogentur.

Adiicimus eciam quod nullus canonicus decetero cum laicis vel quibuscunque habentibus corrodia in monasterio antedicto quovis colore ludum ad taxillos frequentet, &c.

Cumque in dicta visitatione eciam fuisset detectum, quod Johannes Tankard, Robertus Grindere et Johannes Twynere,

pastores monasterii antedicti, fuerant et sint super mala administratione sua multipliciter defamati, ex eo quod panem in non modica quantitate et numero surripiunt, contractant et extra abbathiam predictam asportant et ibi vendunt et alia indebite, consumunt pro sue libito voluntatis; necnon quod quidam Edmundus, servitor camerarii suprascripti, ex multis causis creditur inutilis in dicte domus prejudicium non modicum et gravamen. Injunximus igitur quod de premissis solers et diligens per abbatem et aliquos seniores monasterii predicti canonicos fiat inquisitio infra mensem. Et si de hiis super quibus infamati dinoscuntur fuerint convicti, eos et eorum quoslibet, a suis officiis absque mora precipimus totaliter amoveri, &c.

Precipimus et mandamus firmiter injungentes, ut cantaria pro anima Johannis Santmareys benefactoris vestri, nuper defuncti, sub certa forma in dicto monasterio ordinato, juxta sui conditionem, formam et effectum faciatis perfici et adimpleri.

Injungimus etiam, ut quendam Johannem Golynge, in infirmaria vestra nuper servitorem, quem nos ex certis causis ad id nos moventibus in dicta visitatione nostra a suo officio, necnon et quoscumque alios quos tunc per decretum a suis officiis amovimus, faciatis eos de facto et realiter amoveri, &c.

Datum apud Banewell vij Kal., Februarii, anno supradicto.

2713. Elizabeth de Clyvedon to Bishop Ralph. Fol. 416.

I present Walter Sprengehose, clerk, to the church of Cryket Thomas supplicating that you will deign to admit and institute him.

Alre, iij Non., Jan., A.D. 1352.

vi Id., Feb., year above, at Wyvelscombe. The lord instituted Walter Sprengehose, clerk, in the church of Cryket Thomas, vacant by the resignation of Richard Moyne, to which he was presented by Elizabeth Clyvedon in the person of Nicholas de Pontesbury, rector of Chiryton, his proxy.

2714. Same day and place. The lord committed his offices to the vicar of Mynheved, in the deanery of Dunsterre, the vicar of Stoke under Hamedon in the deanery of Ivelscestre, the vicar of the place in the deanery of Bruggewater, the vicars of Taunton, and Lidierd Episcopi, in the deanery of Taunton, the

vicar of South Pederton in the deanery of Cruke, the vicar of Doultynge in the deanery of Cary, the vicar of the place in the deanery of Frome, the rector of Baudryp in the deanery of Poulet, the vicar of Banewell in the deanery of Axebrugge, the vicar of the place, and the vicar of Chiw in the deanery of Radeclyve, and the vicar of Stalles in the deanery of Bath to hear confessions and absolve, certain causes excepted. And also to the vicar of Millebourneport in the deanery of Merssch-ton.

2715. Know ye present and to come, that we, Ralph, by divine permission, bishop of Bath and Wells, have given, granted, and by this our present charter have confirmed to William de Chiltenham and Eleanor his wife one messuage, one virgate of land, six acres of meadow, and all that place of land approved from the waste, viz., all those tenements which Thomas de Schyrugge formerly held at Schyrugge and Hennefeld within our manor at Pokelchurche. To have and to hold, &c., for the term of their lives only, of us and our successors. Paying therefor annually to us and our successors 20*s*., &c.

Witnesses, Master Thomas de Bukton, Sir John de Risyng-don, William Cammel, and others. [s. d.]

2716. Bishop Ralph to all.

We have appointed Thomas de Eton our hundredor of Wynterstoke, to last as long as it pleases us.

Chyw, All Souls' day, 25 Edw. iii.

2717. v Id., Feb., year above, at Wyvelscombe. The lord committed his offices to William de Luttelton, precentor of Wells, Master Robert de Cary, Richard Barnhurst, and Henry Wircestre to hear confessions.

2718. Bishop Ralph to Master Richard de Thormerton, treasurer of Wells and prebendary of Whitchurch.

Special licence to let your treasurership and prebend to farm for two years.

Wyvelescombe, ix Kal., March, A.D. above.

2719. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

We have conferred on John de Palton, our counties of Somerset and Dorset, and the office of our escheatry in the same. To have as long as it shall please us.

We order you that you receive the oaths of the said John and deliver to him our letters patent of the said offices which we send you by the bearer of the presents.

Witness, ourself, at Westminster, 14 Feb., in the 27th year of our reign.

[Return.] We have received the oaths of John de Palton and delivered your letters patent.

2720. 6 March. Letters dimissory for Edward de Chirdestoke, rector of Rympton, acolyte, to obtain all holy orders, at the request of the bishop of Winchester.

Same day, the lord instituted John de Pulle in the church of Hemington by reason of exchange with Philip Le Doo for the church of Brompton.

Same day, the lord instituted Philip Le Doo in the church of Brompton.

2721. Oath of the sheriff of Somerset and Dorset.

2722. Oath of the escheator. Fol. 417.

2723. Id., March, A.D. 1352, at Wyvelscombe.

The lord instituted Adam Bike, priest, to the vicarage of Codecombe, vacant by the death of John Crondon, at the presentation of brother Robert, the prior, and the convent of Bruton.

2724. xvii Kal., April. year above, at Wyvelscombe.

Robert, bishop of Salisbury, wrote to the lord to induct Sir Richard de Norwyco into possession of the prebend of Bedemynstre; to which he admitted him at the presentation of the King who recovered it in the King's court. The dean and the perpetual vicar of Radiclive to induct.

Day, &c., aforesaid. The lord wrote to the said dean and vicar to enquire touching the defects of the houses of the said prebend and other things pertaining thereto.

2725. Writ to Bishop Ralph.

Cause John de Kyenele, your clerk, to come before our justices at Westminster to answer to John Frankelayn, the younger, of a plea that he render to him four robes of the worth of 4*li.*

Witness, J. de Stonore, at Westminster, 11 Feb., in the 27th year of our reign.

2726. The official of the court of Canterbury to Masters Thomas de Bucton, official of the bishop of Bath and Wells, William de Modbury, rector of Combeflory, the dean of Merssch-ton, and Sir Robert, rector of Hacche.

It has been intimated to us on the behalf of Sir Henry de Trentham, rector of Fifhide, diocese of Winchester, that on the part of the said Henry being of blameless standing, good fame, and unimpaired report fearing prejudice about his status it was appealed to the Apostolic See and for the protection of the court of Canterbury, but the said reverend father, notwithstanding the said appeal, over whom the said reverend father or his official or commissary had no jurisdiction, was condemned by a certain pretended judge appointed by him in a certain sum of money to be paid to the same father and excommunicated.

We order you that you inhibit the said father.

London, vi Kal, March, A.D. 1352.

2727. viij Kal., Ap., at Wyvelscombe.

Licence for the vicar of Kyngeston to celebrate on alternate days in the chapel of Cutheleston till the feast of the Ascension although he shall have first celebrated in the said church.

Hic mutatur annus Domini millesimus cccmus lijdus in liij.

2728. iv Id., Id., Ap., year above, at Wyvelscombe.

The lord wrote to Nicholas de Pontesbury, keeper of the jurisdiction of the archdeaconry of Wells, the archdeaconry being vacant, to induct John de Stoke, chaplain, into possession of the church of Chyriton by reason of exchange between him and William Redman, late rector of the same, for the chapel of Ryme.

2729. The King's writ to Walter de Rodenye, knight, John de Rale, of Nettelcomb, Thomas Denbaud and Walter Le Eyer.

Whereas the dukes, earls, barons, knights, and commonalties of the countries of our kingdom of England granted a fifteenth, and the citizens and burgesses of the counties and burghs granted us a tenth of all their movable goods in our present parliament assembled at Westminster on Friday the feast of St. Hilary in the 25th year of our reign for three years then next to come in aid of the expenses which it behoves us to make for the expedition of our wars and the salvation and defence of our said kingdom to be levied in the same manner in which such tenths and fifteenths last granted to us were levied, and to be paid to us at the terms of Easter and St. Michael each year of the said three years by equal portions.

And we, consideration being had that very many vills and hamlets are much impoverished as well by the plague as from various other causes and many others are altogether wasted, at the request of the same commonalty, by the assent of the prelates, dukes, earls and barons aforesaid, have granted to the same commonalty all fines, redemptions, issues, forfeitures and amercements of all labourers, servants and artificers which are made and adjudicated in respect of them or by reason of them before our justices to enquire concerning such labourers, servants and artificers according to the form of the statute made thereupon for which they have not answered to us or the commonalties of the cites, burghs and vills aforesaid in subsidy of the tenth and fifteenth otherwise granted to us according to the ordinance then made and also which hereafter to the end of the last term of the payment of the tenth and fifteenth aforesaid shall happen to be made. We, wishing to be answered for the said tenth and fifteenth for the second year, have assigned you to levy, collect and receive to our use for the second year from all cities, burghs and vills in the county of Somerset as great a sum of money as was levied to our use from the same cities, burghs and vills in the last grant of such tenth and fifteenth so that you answer to us for one moiety on the feast of Easter next to come. And we assign you to levy and collect all the aforesaid fines, redemptions, issues, and amercements and to distribute them between the said townships and hamlets, &c.

Witness, ourself, at Westminster, 26 Jan., in the 27th year of our reign.

2775. We enjoin you by the bearer of these our letters patent levy the fifteenth granted to us for this second year, &c. To our dear and trusty Walter de Rodeney, knight; John de Ralegh, of Netilcomb, Thomas Denebaud and John Milbourn.

2730. vi Kal., May, A.D. 1353, at Wyvelscombe. The lord instituted William Ponchard, priest, to the parish church of Kytenore at the presentation of John de Bracton.

2731. 5 May, year above, at Wyvelscombe. The lord deputed John Trowe, rector of Norton next Taunton, instead of the rector of Orchard, as coadjutor of Master Gilbert de Schepton, rector of Crych, as long as it shall please him.

2732. Bishop Ralph, judge or executor to provide Matthew Palmare, a poor priest of his diocese, with an ecclesiastical benefice at the collation of the prior and convent of Taunton, to the precentor of Wells and Master Richard de Carleton, canon of Wells. We commit our offices to you to enquire concerning the life and conversation of the said poor priest and to proceed in the matter of the provision. Collation and induction reserved to us.

Wyvelscombe, viij Id., May, A.D. 1353.

2733. Writ to Bishop Ralph.

You and the other bishops and the clergy of your diocese granted us a biennial tenth in the last convocation in the church of St. Paul, London, for the expenses for the defence of the church and kingdom. We ordered you to cause certain men to be appointed to collect and levy the said tenth, certifying us of the names of those appointed. Up to this time you have not taken care to do anything. Certify us of the names at the latest on the morrow of Holy Trinity.

Witness, G. de Wilford, at Westminster, 24 April, in the 27th year of our reign.

2734. ij Id., May, year above, at Wyvelscombe. The lord committed his offices to Master John Wamberge and Henry Fulham, canons in the church of Wells, to provide Robert Hildebrond, a poor priest, with a benefice with or without cure, and also to enquire concerning the life and conversation of the same, by the Apostolic authority. Fol. 419.

2735. xiij Kal., June, year above, at Wyvelscombe. The lord instituted John Bryz, chaplain, to the free chapel of Estlambroke, vacant by the resignation of Richard de Brompton by reason of exchange with the vicarage of Uppehotery, diocese of Exeter, to which he was presented by Simon de Meriet, lord of Estlambroke.

Same day and place. The lord by authority of the bishop of Exeter instituted Richard Brompton, chaplain, to the vicarage of Uppehotery, diocese of Exeter, vacant by the resignation of John Bryz, by reason of exchange with the free chapel of Estlambroke, to which he was presented by the dean and chapter of Exeter.

2736. vij Id., June, year above, at Wyvelscombe. The lord admitted John Elys, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Shapewyke at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glaston.

2737. iij Id., June, A.D. 1353.

William Bakere, a poor priest of Axebrugge, notified to the lord, at Wyvelscombe, the bull of grace made to him by Pope Innocent vi, for a benefice pertaining to the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glaston. And then the lord committed to Master John de London and Henry de Folham to enquire and proceed according to the tenour of the bull. And he left a copy of his bull in the register made by the hand of R. de Tybrighton.

Present, Sir John de Risyngdon.

2738. xvij Kal., July, year above, at Wyvelscombe. The lord instituted Robert Scheterne, priest, to the parish church of Sevenhampton Michael, vacant by the free resignation of John

Stroude, by reason of exchange with the vicarage of Southpederton which he formerly held, to which he was presented by Thomas de la Lynde.

Same day, &c. The lord admitted John Stroude, priest, to the vicarage of Southpederton, vacant by the resignation of Robert Scheterne by reason of exchange with the church of Sevenhampton Michael, to which he was presented by the prior and convent of Bruton.

2739. xvi Kal., July, year above, at Wyveliscomb. The lord admitted William Tilney, rector of the church of Middelton, diocese of Bath and Wells, proxy of William, bishop of Tuscany and archdeacon of Wells, constituted by letter, to the said archdeaconry.

2740. xv Kal., July, year above, at Wyveliscomb. The lord admitted Roger de Scardeclif, clerk, to the church of Thornesanton, [T. Falcon] vacant by the resignation of Richard Sparry, to which he was presented by Richard de Acton, knight.

2741. The official of the court of Canterbury to Bishop Ralph.

We have received the grave complaint of Sir William atte Halle, perpetual chaplain of the chapels of Stapelgrove and St. James, of Taunton, of your diocese, containing that the party of the said Sir William going to you humbly supplicated that you should cause the prior and convent of Taunton to answer in a cause of tithes and oblations and the subtraction and withholding of bread and beer before you, but you did not take care to hear him. Wherefore we order you that within fifteen days you cause fulness of justice to be done to the party of the said Sir William. Otherwise cite the prior and convent to appear before us.

London, vi Id., June, A.D. 1353.

Received at Welyngton on Friday the Vigil of the Apostles Peter and Paul about the hour of vespers.

Fol. 420 2742. iv Non., July, year above. Edmund de Eleford was presented to the church of Westcoker by Hugh de Courtenay,

earl of Devon, by reason of exchange for the church of West-hanyngfeld, diocese of London.

2743. Bishop Ralph to Richard Le Taillour, perpetual vicar of Swelle.

Because it has many times been intimated to us by trustworthy men that the chantry of St. Katherine in the church of Swelle has for a long time been desolate of a priest, nor is there anyone who is willing to serve there at present, we do grant it to you *in commendam* until we have otherwise ordained concerning it.

Kyngesbury, 13 July, A.D. 1353.

2744. xv July, A.D. above. Nicholas de Lamport, a poor priest, notified to the lord at Kyngesbury the bull of grace made to him by Pope Innocent vi for a benefice pertaining collation or presentation of the abbot and convent of Glaston. And then the lord committed to Masters Richard de Carleton and Thomas Benford, canons of Wells, to enquire concerning his life and conversation.

2745. Bishop Ralph to the official of the Court of Canterbury or the president of the said court.

We received your mandate fourth Kal., July, as in the folio preceding. Because we cannot proceed in the said matter of complaint, we have caused Thomas Cook, the prior of Taunton, William Walle, the steward, John Coker, the steward, and Thomas Pederton, the celerer, canons of the said monastery, to be cited to appear before you. We could not find the other canons.

Evercrich, xij Kal., Aug., A.D. &c.

2746. The commissary of Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, the official of the court of Canterbury or the president of the said court.

I received your mandate 16 July about sunset containing the form below.

The official of the court of Canterbury to the official of Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, or his commissary greeting. It has been intimated to us on behalf of John Moul, Thomas

Fere and John in the Hurne that Sir Hugh, pretending to be vicar of Portbury, cited them to appear personally in the consistory court of Wells he having no jurisdiction over them.

Inhibit the said Sir Hugh and others pending the matter of appeal, and cite the said Sir Hugh. London, Kal., July, A.D. 1353.

By authority of which I have inhibited the said Sir Hugh and others and have caused Sir Hugh to be cited.

Evercrych, 21 July, A.D. above.

2747. xij Kal., Aug., year above, at Evercrich. The lord wrote to the archdeacon of Wells to induct Edmund de Eleford, late rector of Westhanyngfeld, diocese of London; who had first been instituted by the bishop of London by the lord's authority and by reason of exchange with John de Malteby.

2748. Bishop Ralph to John Moone, priest.

We institute you to the vicarage of the parish church of Estcammel to which you are presented by William de Cammel, firmarius of the said church, with the houses, gardens, crofts and 1½ virgates of land, which consist in acres, for the custom of the place and the rents, to wit, from the abbot and convent of Clyve for the houses which they hold of you in the same vill, and *27s.* for 14 tenements, to wit, for 13 situate between the messuage of Adam Garet and the messuage which the said abbot and convent hold of you, and one messuage situate next the messuage of Robert atte Hamme, and with the tithes of sheaves and hay from the lands and meadows which the lord of Attebare and his tenants hold of him in the vill of Attebare. And the tithes of sheaves of two portions due for the whole lordship of the lord of Chilton, *2s. 6d.* of an annual pension from the rector of Chiltone. And with the burial of all bond men and women holding in the parish of Chilton at the time of their death. And with all tithes of sheaves of your tenants except from the said tenement which the said abbot and convent hold. And with all tithes of sheaves and hay from all curtilages and other closes which are said [to lie] or lie in Heybote in the parish of Cammel Regis aforesaid. And with all small tithes and the whole altarage which consists in oblations, obventions, legacies, tithes

of mills and with all its rights, &c., in the parish church of Cammel Regis.

Wyvelscombe, xi Kal., March, A.D. 1348.

2749. Bishop Ralph, judge or executor to provide Robert Hildebrond, a poor priest of his diocese, with an ecclesiastical benefice with or without cure at the collation or presentation of the abbot and convent of Glaston to Master John Wamberge and Sir Henry Fulham, canons of Wells. Fol. 421.

We remember having ordered you to enquire concerning the life and conversation of the said poor priest, collation and induction reserved to us.

We commit our offices to you jointly and severally to induct him.

Banwell, 4 Aug., A.D. 1353.

2750. viij Id., Aug., year above, at Banwell. The lord instituted Walter Byscomb, priest, to the parish church of Ferschforde, vacant by the resignation of John de Bathonia, at the presentation of William de Iforde.

2751. 5 Aug., year above. John de Borthon, rector of Crich, in the chamber of the lord, at Banewell, was appointed coadjutor by the lord to Master Gilbert de Schepton, rector of Telesforde. Present, Master Thomas de Bocton and John de Risyngdon.

2752. Edwardus Dei gratia rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie venerabili in Christo patri Radulpho eadem gracia Bathoniensi et Wellensi episcopo salutem. Quia pro magnis et urgentibus negociis nos et statum regni nostri Anglie summe concernentibus vobiscum et cum ceteris prelatis, magnatibus, proceribus et aliis fidelibus dicti regni apud Westmonasterium die lune proxima post festum sancti Mathei apostoli proximo futurum colloquium habere volumus tractatum. Vobis in fide et dilectione et ligeancia quibus nobis tenemini firmiter injungimus et mandamus quod omnibus aliis pretermissis dictis die et loco personaliter nobiscum et cum ceteris prelatis, magnatibus proceribus et aliis predictis super dictis negociis tractaturi vestrumque consilium impensuri: et hoc sicut nos et honorem

nostrum, ac salvacionem et defensionem, ac comodum dicti regni nostri diligitis, nullatenus omittatis. Nos de die recepcionis presencium, et per quem vobis dilate fuerint certificantes tunc ibidem.

Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium, xv die Julii anno regni nostri Anglie vicesimo septimo, regni vero nostro Francie xiiij^mo^.

Per ipsum regem et consilium.

2753. 14 Aug., A.D. 1353. Richard perpetual vicar of Barton, at Banwell, was appointed coadjutor to Sir John, rector of Estludeforde.

2754. Day, &c., above. The lord granted to Richard, perpetual vicar of Barton, to celebrate masses and other divine services on Sundays, feast days and other days in the week when it shall seem fit to him in the church of Estludeforde, although he shall first have celebrated masses in the church of Barton.

2755. xij Kal., Sept., at Banwell. The lord admitted John de Byndon, chaplain, to the parish church of Pykewelle at the presentation of Robert de Stalbrugge.

Same day and place. Licence for the same John to have one annual in subsidy of the said church.

2756. Bishop Ralph to the archdeacon of Taunton or his official.

Sister Margery, the prioress, and the convent of Stodlegh diocese of Lincoln, have presented Master William Doune, clerk, doctor of laws, to the parish church of Craucomb. We order you to enquire, as appears in the common inquisition.

Bishop Ralph to all.

We make known by these presents that, our register of institutions having been searched, we find in the same that we, in our manor of Wyvelscombe, v Kal., Ap., A.D. 1349, admitted Richard Atte Wode otherwise Compton, who at present holds the parish church of Craucomb, to the same church, to which he was pre-

sented by the prioress and convent of Stodlegh, and then instituted him as rector.

Banewell, 23 Aug., A.D. above.

Bishop Ralph to all.

Our register of ordinations having been searched, we find that we, in the prebendal church of Wyvelscombe, on Saturday *quatuor temporum* of the month of Dec., viz., xiij Kal., Jan., A.D. 1349, ordained Richard, now rector of Craucombe, who then said that he was surnamed Atte Wode, as subdeacon: and afterwards in our cathedral church of Bath on Saturday *quatuor temporum*, viz., xiv Kal., Oct., A.D. 1350, we ordained the same Richard, surnaming himself Compton, as deacon. And lastly, in the chapel of our manor of Wyvelscomb, on Saturday *quatuor temporum*, viz., iv Id., March, A.D. 1350, we ordained him priest. Fol. 42

Banewell, 15 Aug., A.D. 1353.

Bishop Ralph to Master Thomas de Bokton, canon of Wells, doctor of laws.

Sister Margery, the prioress, and the convent of Stodlegh, diocese of Lincoln, have presented Master William Doune, clerk, doctor of laws, to the church of Craucomb.

We order enquiry to be made according to custom. And whereas Richard Atte Wode otherwise Compton is said to occupy the said church as rector, we commit our offices to you to receive, open and publish the letters of inquisition and to hear and determine the matter of the said presentation.

Banwell, v Kal., Aug., A.D. 1353.

Bishop Ralph to Master Thomas de Bokton.

Richard Atte Wode, otherwise Compton, is said to occupy the parish church of Craucomb without canonical title. We commit our offices to you to discuss, examine and approve and reject the title, and to deprive and set down the said Richard from the said church.

Banwell, v Kal., Aug., A.D. 1353.

2757. vi Kal., Sept., at Banwell.

The lord instituted Philip Mareys, priest, to the vicarage of Stokurcy to which he was presented by the King by reason of the war.

2758. Writ to Bishop Ralph.

Cause 60*s.* to be made from the goods of John de Werdyr, parson of the church of Bekyngton, your clerk, and have them before our justices, at Westminster, to render to the prior of St. John of Jerusalem in England for arrears of an annual rent of 20*s.*

Witness, J. de Stonore, at Westminster, 12 July, in the 27th year of our reign.

Tercio die mensis Septembris mutata est data consecrationis domini R. Bathoniensis et Wellensis episcopi in annum vicesimum quintum.

2759. Bishop Ralph to Master John Farman and John Bouswayn, rectors of Cherleton Makerel and Kyngesdon. Ad petendum, exigendum et recipiendum, &c., clericos incarceratos in gaola seu prisona domini nostri regis, &c, prout patet in communi forma dicte litere, &c. Et commisit vices suas ad hec quousque duxerit revocare, &c. Sub data predicta.

2760. Bishop Ralph to the dean of Frome and the perpetual vicar.

We have received the King's writ as appears in the preceding [No. 2758]. Cause the money to be levied.

Banewell, 6 Sept., A.D. 1353.

Fol. 423. 2761. ij Id., Sept., year aforesaid, at Banewelle.

The lord instituted William Umfray, chaplain, to the church of Kyngeston, vacant by the resignation of Robert de Sambourne, to which he was presented by Robert Fitzpayn, knight, lord of Merrschwode.

2762. ij Non., Sept., A.D. above, at Banewell.

The lord conferred on Master William de Salton, priest, a canonry of the church of Wells and the prebend of Luxevile which Master John de Sydenhale held, by reason of exchange for the prebend of Eston.

Same day and place. The lord conferred on Master John de Sydenhale, priest, a canonry of Wells and the prebend of Eston

by reason of exchange with Master William de Salton for the prebend of Luxevile.

2763. xviij Kal., Oct., year above.

The lord admonished John Kyvele, rector of Wroxale, to reside in his benefice.

Bishop Ralph to John Kyvele, rector of Wroxale.

It has been intimated to us on the part of trustworthy men that you have left your cure altogether desolate nor do you reside in it. Wherefore we admonish you that you make personal residence in your said church.

Banwell, xviij Kal., Oct., A.D. above.

2764. xiv Kal., Oct., year above, at Banwell. The lord committed his offices to the prior of Bruton to provide Robert Stacy, a poor clerk, with an ecclesiastical benefice, at the collation or presentation of the dean and chapter of Wells.

2765. xij Kal., Oct., at Banwell. The lord instituted Robert Stilkenye to the church of St. Mary in Stonynge Lane, London, by reason of exchange with Peter Erchefnude for his church of Hacch Beauchamp, at the presentation of the prioress and convent of Clerkenwelle.

Same day and place. The lord instituted Peter de Erchefnude to the parish church of Hacchbeauchamp at the presentation of John de Beauchamp, knight.

2766. I Oct., year above, at Banwell. The lord instituted Master Robert Donslond to the parish church of Brympton, vacant by the resignation of Philip le Doo by reason of exchange with the church of Middelchynnok, to which he was presented by the King by reason of the lands and tenements of Nicholas, son of John Glamorgan, an idiot, being in his hand.

Same day and place. The lord instituted Philip le Doo, in the person of Reginald, rector of Peret, to the church of Middelchynnok at the presentation of William D'umframvill.

And immediately after the said Master Robert swore that if litigation be moved against the bishop he would leave the said church of Brympton.

2767. iij Non., Oct, A.D. 1353, at Banewell. The lord admitted Thomas Pestor, priest, to the perpetual vicarage of Bacwell, vacant by the resignation of Sir Robert , at the presentation of the prior and brethren of St. John, of Bristol.

2768. Bishop Ralph to the prior and convent of St. German, in Cornwall.

Because, when actually exercising the office of our visitation in the priory of Taunton on Monday next after the feast of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr, we found that Robert Cundyt, a canon and brother of the same place, was an apostate and disobedient to the prior, and also made deadly threats to him, and insulted the prior, and said many infamous and abusive words against his due obedience. Because the said Robert, against our injunctions, would wander after curfew and carry on talkings, and had been reproved for these things by the prior and he said that he would not be corrected by him, but said if the prior opposed his word to him he would break his head. And that he was an appropriator because he appropriated to himself the goods of the said church without the leave of the prior and gave them to others at the time he was cellarer. Also, after he was removed from office he took money and other goods pertaining to the said office without any authority, and disposed of the same. Also he was a dilapidator of the goods of the church when he was pittancer, and in all the offices in which he was administrator he dilapidated all the goods coming to his hands, &c.

We found also that the said Robert committed incontinence with a certain woman, and also made deadly threats to the subprior because he would have made him observe the rules of the order. He hindered the entry of the prior to the dormitory when he reproved him for his defaults and made grave threats to him and yet perseveres in his wickedness. On account of which things we then and there caused the said Robert to be delivered to the custody of the gaoler, and we decreed to transmit him to another place of his order for safe custody until he shall be found to be reconciled. We ask and exhort you in the Lord that you admit the said Robert and cause him to be kept in safe custody at the costs of the priory of Taunton.

Banwell, day of St. Michael the Archangel, A.D. 1353.

2769. vi Id., Oct., year aforesaid, at Banewell. The lord instituted Peter Franke, clerk, to the church of Cokelyngton, to which he was presented by Roger de Bello Campo, knight. Fol. 424.

2770. Bishop Ralph to Master William de Salton, canon of Salisbury.

Whereas we have appropriated the parish church of Mere to the abbot and convent of Glaston that on the cession or decease of Sir Walter de Claudon, then incumbent, the said religious men could enter into possession. We commit our offices to you to admit the cession of the said Walter and the same having been received to induct the said religious men or their proxy into possession.

Banewell, 10 October, A.D. 1353.

2771. The prior of the hospital in England to Bishop Ralph.

We have agreed with the parson of Bekyngton in right of a plea between us in the King's court for 20*s.* of an annuity due to our sisters of Bokeland. We pray you to release the sequestration or other execution. [*s. d.*]

2772. The official of the bishop of Bath and Wells and special commissary to remove beneficed men, subjects of the said lord, from their benefices and administrations to the official of the archdeacon of Bath, and the perpetual vicars of Radeclive and Temple.

Because we, lawfully proceeding in the matter moved *ex officio* by the said father against Sir Walter Estham, calling himself master of the house of St. Katherine, near Bristol, have removed the said Walter, lawfully cited to reside and not taking care to appear. We order you that you publish and cause to be published on Sundays and feast days between the solemnities of masses in the religious house aforesaid, and in the churches of Radeclive and Temple, that the said Sir Walter has been so removed by us from the administration and rule of the said religious house.

Wells, ix Kal., Nov., A.D. 1353.

2773. 29 Oct., A.D. 1353, at Banwell, The lord admitted Sir John de Kynemerton, priest, to the house or hospital of St. Katherine, near Bristol, at the presentation of Sir Thomas, Lord de Berkele.

2774. 21 Oct., A.D. 1353, Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, in his chamber at Banewell, admonished Sir John de Kyvelee, rector of the church of Wroxhale, to reside in his church.

Present, Sirs John de Risyngdon, rector of Jevele, and Nicholas de Pontesbury, rector of Chiriton, diocese of Exeter.

Bishop Ralph to John de Kyvele, rector of the church of Wroxhale.

You may absent yourself from your said church till the feast of St. Margaret next to come, so that you may follow the study of letters within the kingdom of England. And you may let your church to farm for the same time to Sir Walter Waleys, canon of Salisbury.

Banewell, 2 Nov., A.D. 1353.

Fol. 425. 2775. Bishop Ralph to John Elys, priest.

We institute you to the vicarage of the parish church of Mere, consisting in the portions which follow. Viz., the dwelling house of the rectory with all the land and meadow which the rector lately had in demesne, with common with every kind of his cattle with the tenants of the abbot of Glaston in the parish of Mere, and common for four oxen and one horse with the oxen of the abbot in the places where the rectors were wont to have it; and all kinds of oblations pertaining to the church of Mere, and anniversaries, legacies and other things. And the tithes of meadows called Monekenemede, Aumeneresmede and Deyeria there.

Banewell, ix Kal.. Dec, A.D. 1353.

Day, &c., above. The keeper of the jurisdiction of Glaston to induct him.

The archdeacon of Glaston to Bishop Ralph.

I have received your letters in these words, Ralph, &c., to the keeper of the jurisdiction of Glaston.

The abbot and convent of Glaston have presented John Elys, priest, to the vicarage of the parish church of Mere. We order

you that you make inquisition concerning the vacancy of the said vicarage, &c.

Banewell, xiv Kal., Dec., A.D. 1353.

By pretext of which we have diligently enquired in full chapter by Sir Adam, rector of the church of Walton, and Sirs Henry and Richard, perpetual vicars of Weston and Merlynch, and also by Alan Tyderleye, rector of Bodecleye, and Sir Geoffrey Porchet, proctor of the vicar of Aysshecote, and Sir Alexander, parish chaplain of St. John, of Glaston, in the monastery of the same place.

Who say that the said vicarage is now vacant by the cession of Sir Walter de Claudon, last rector, that the abbot and convent have the right of presenting, that the presentee is of good life and honest conversation and in the order of priest, and there is nothing to hinder him from being admitted.

Glaston, vi Kal., Dec., year aforesaid.

2776. Bishop Ralph to the perpetual vicar of Keynesham.

We commit our offices to you to seek, demand and receive all clerks delivered to gaol and presented before the King's justices assigned for gaol delivery.

Banewell, day of St. Clement the Pope A.D. 1353.

2777. Bishop Ralph to all.

Walter de Spekynton, our parishioner, has fallen into the sentence of greater excommunication.

Banwell, viij Kal., Dec., A.D. 1353.

2778. iv Non., Dec., year above at Banewell. The lord admitted William Cole, chaplain, to the chapel of the Holy Ghost in the parish of Cheorleton Adam, vacant by the resignation of Walter Molyns, at the presentation of Nicholas Panys.

2779. I Dec., year above, at Banewell.

The lord committed his offices to the perpetual vicars of Radeclive and Temple, Bristol, to seek, demand and receive clerks presented before the King's justices assigned for gaol delivery.

2780. 3 Dec., year above, at Banwell. The lord admitted John Hervy, chaplain, to the parish church of Halton to which he was presented by the King by reason of the custody of the land and heir of William Botreaux, deceased.

Fol. 426. 2781. Although all primary and immediate spiritual or ecclesiastical jurisdiction over the clergy and people within the parishes of St. John, Glaston, Mere, Strete, Buddecleye, Schapewike, Merlynch and Sowy and other persons living in the said parishes from olden time have pertained to the abbot and convent of Glaston, institutions and ordinations of clerks excepted. And the said religious men by their archdeacons, officials, commissaries and ministers had been the sole keepers of the jurisdiction aforesaid, nevertheless Thomas Chyw, janitor and minister of Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, notwithstanding an appeal, cited Walter de Spekynton, parishioner of St. John, Glaston, and personally apprehended within the said parish, to appear before the said father or his commissary at Banewell in a place altogether outside the jurisdiction of Glaston. Wherefore, I, the proctor of the said religious men, appeal to the Apostolic See and for the protection of the court of Canterbury. [*s. d.*]

2782. 1 Oct., A.E. 1353, at Banewell. Licence for Sir William de la More, rector of Chrichston to absent himself for a year to follow in the services of the lady Alina Burnel.

Same day and place. Licence for John de Bathonia, rector of Moneketon to study for a year.

2783. Vigil of the Conception, year above, at Banwell.

Licence for Master Andrew de Wermunstre, rector of Melles to absent himself for a year, to follow in the services of the bishop of Hereford.

2784. 9 Dec. at Banwell. Licence for Roger de Fereby, rector of Tyntenhull, to stay in the service of Master John de Carleton, dean of Wells, for three years, and meanwhile to let his church to farm.

2785. 10 Dec. The lord granted to Sybil D'arundell that she could have masses and other divine services celebrated in her oratory at Sutton Montagu by a fit chaplain till Easter next.

2786. 9 Dec. The lord released the sequestration put on the fruits, rents and issues of the church of Sutton Montagu by his commissaries continuing the visitation, by reason of the defects in the chancel and the houses of the said rectory; decreeing that the defects shall be repaired before the feast of the Ascension under the penalty of 20*s*.

2787. 15 Dec., A.D. 1353, at Banwell. The lord committed his offices to the perpetual [vicar] of Stalles, city of Bath, to demand, seek and receive clerks presented before the King's justices assigned for gaol delivery.

2788. Bishop Ralph to all.

Whereas the fruits, rents and issues pertaining to the chapel or church of Erneshull do not suffice for the fit sustentation of one perpetual chaplain, and to pay a certain annual pension to the rector of Coriryvel, and for other charges, and the rectors on account of its poorness from olden time sometimes for a year and more, and sometimes for several continuous months, did not care to celebrate divine services there or to exercise the cure of souls "Set eorum victualia, magna necessitate ducti, ad modum quasi mendicancium querebant sepius in remotis, exigentibusque peccatis, hominum multitudo populi per pestilenciam paucis annis preteritis humane nature insidiantem in predictis locis quamplurimum decreuit, dicteque ecclesie de Coriryvel et Erneshull vicinitate locorum sunt annexe, sicque duos, sicut olim, non debeant aut poterint habere proprios sacerdotes: immo per unum melius et competencius regi poterunt et gubernari. Et ipsa insuper capella seu ecclesia de Erneshull occasione dicte pensionis, seu census sibi ab antiquo impositorum, et quia corpora quorumcunque parochianorum ejusdem capelle decedencium omni tempore et adhuc ex legitima prescripta consuetudine in cimiterio seu ecclesia de Coriryvel predicta sunt sepulta ab eadem ecclesia de Coriryvel

videtur ab antiquo dependere." We, Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, considering all and singular the premises above written, Sir William de Monte Acuto, earl of Salisbury, patron as well of the church of Coririvel as of the chapel of Erneshull aforesaid giving his assent, annex and unite the chapel of Erneshull, with all its rights, members and appurtenances now vacant for the causes aforesaid, to the aforesaid church of Coriryvel, and to the rector of the same church and his successors by the pontifical authority. We ordain also that the rectors of Coriryvel shall have the cure of the souls of all the parishioners, and also acknowledge all the ordinary and extraordinary charge of the said chapel of Erneshull on Sundays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Christmas, Circumcision, Epiphany, Easter, Pentecost, Trinity, and the dedication of the church of Coriryvel by a certain and fit secular chaplain, &c. As often as the rectors of Coriryvel shall put off for three days, continuous or interrupted, saying masses at Erneshull by themselves or a fit chaplain they shall be bound to pay half a mark to the church of Wells and all expenses, to be paid to the keeper of the fabric, and 40*d.* to the archdeacon of Taunton from the fruits of the church of Coriryvel.

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Baneweli, 14 Dec., A.D. 1353.

2789. Writ to Bishop Ralph.

Cause Thomas de Hornesboghe, parson of the church of Lamyzete, brother and heir of John de Hornesbogh, the elder, your clerk, to come before our justices at Westminster to answer to Simon de Fareweye, parson of the church of Lidiard St. Lawrence, of a plea that he render to him 60*li.*

Witness, J. de Stonore, at Westminster, 28 Nov. in the 27th year of our reign.

2790. Writ to Bishop Ralph.

Cause 7*li.* to be levied from the goods and benefices of Thomas de Upton, parson of the church of Trent, which he owes us for divers trespasses, at the pledge of Richard de Berham and John Walhop, of the county of Somerset.

Witness, G. de Gilforde, at Westminster, 12 July in the 27th year of our reign.

2791. Day of St. Marcellus the Pope.

Thomas de Hornesbogh, rector of Lamyzete, appeared at Banewell and swore that he would preserve the lord indemnified as regards the writ obtained by Master Simon de Fareweye.

Present, John de Risyngdon, William de Cotham and John de Chestre, clerk, and others.

2792. Bishop Ralph to the dean of Axebruge and the rectors and vicars of Weston supra Mare, Upphulle, and Custoke.

Licet per canonum sacrorum et patrum sanctorum statuta, omnes illi, qui ecclesias maliciose jure suo privare presumant, aut per maliciam libertates earum infringere aut perturbare, contendunt; quive invadere bona ecclesiastica conantur, ac ecclesias possessionibus aut libertatibus suis spoliare nituntur, sint ipso facto majoris excommunicationis sententia innodati, debeantque hujusmodi malefactores sacrilegi et excommunicati per locorum ordinarios nunciari donec in forma juris plenam satisfactionem et restitutionem rependerent, sicut decet, prout in eisdem canonibus et constitutionibus plenius continetur: quidam tamen iniquitatis filii sue salutis inmemores et proprii persecutores honoris jura, libertates, immunitates, possessiones et consuetudines nostras et ecclesiarum nostrarum retroactis pacifice temporibus usitatas in hundredo nostro de Wynterstoke ut in wrecco maris et aliis predecessoribus nostris Bathoniensibus et Wellensibus episcopis et nobis ac ecclesiis nostris Bathoniensibus et Wellensibus predictis per excellentissimum principem et dominum nostrum dominum Edwardum Dei gratia regem Anglie illustrem et progenitores suos concessis ad nos et ecclesias nostras predictas notorie pertinentes maliciose perturbare, invadere et infringere non formidant; quorum nephandis machinacionibus nos et ministri nostri sumus ad presens enormiter impediti, quominus de juribus, libertatibus, immunitatibus, possessionibus seu consuetudinibus antedictis in nostro hundredo prelibato disponere poteritis prout predecessores nostri et nos disponere et facere de eisdem consueimus ab antiquo prout hec omnia tam per notorietatem rei gestæ quam etiam per famam publicam sunt, quod [illegible] nostris auribus inculcata: quos dictam majoris excommunicationis

sententiam dampnabiliter novi ambigatur incidisse. Nos igitur qui positi sumus ut simus nostris subditis in reddenda justicia debitores tantam spouse nostre injuriam non possumus nec debemus absque gravi animadversione impunitam permittere. Sic transire volentes eosdem malefactores ab erroribus sic presumptis quatenus est nobis possibile revocare ipsosque alicere ad faciendos digna penitentie. Vobis conjunctim et divisim in virtute obediencie firmiter injungendo committimus et mandamus quatinus omnes et singulos perturbatores, invasores, spoliatores et, ut premittitur, jurium, libertatum, possessionum et immunitatum ecclesiarum violatores, ceterosque malefactores superius annotatos dicta majoris excommunicationis sententia fuisse et esse ipso facto dampnabiliter involutos in ecclesiis de Uphulle, Custoke, Weston supra Mare et locis aliis ubi melius videbitur expedire die Sabbati in festo Conversionis sancti Pauli proximo jam futuro ac aliis diebus dominicis et festivis extunc sequentibus, pulsatis campanis, candelis accensis, &c., publice, solempniter et in genere denuncietis ac per alios faciatis simili modo nunciari et premissa omnia distincte et aperte Christiano populo tunc presenti exponi faciatis in vulgari. De premissis denunciacionibus non cessantes donec a nobis aliud super hoc habueritis in mandatis; inquirente insuper diligenter de hujusmodi malefactorum nominibus et quos culpabiles fama vel facto repereritis in hac parte, ipsos citetis seu citari faciatis peremptoria quod compareant coram nobis seu nostro in hac parte commissario in ecclesia parochiali de Banewell die Veneris proximo post festum Conversionis sancti Pauli supradictum, &c.

Banwell, xiij Kal. Feb., A.D. 1353.

Fol. 428. 2793. xiij Kal., Feb., year above, at Banewell. Licence for John de Barton to hear masses and other divine offices in the oratory of Wodeborwe and Wyntred, in the parish of Wynescomb, by a fit chaplain at his own costs from Mich. last to the same feast next to come.

2794. xvi Kal., March, A.D. 1353, at Wyvelscombe. The lord admitted Robert Bonualet, priest, to the vicarage of the church of Clivedon, vacant by the free resignation of William de Brok-

keworth, to which he was presented by the abbot and convent of St. Augustine, Bristol.

Same day and place. The dean of Radeclive and the perpetual vicar of Congresburi to induct the same Robert.

2795. Same day and place. The lord granted to Thomas, rector of Greynton, that he could stay in the services of Master Andrew de Offorde, warden of Wells, to survey the manor of the said warden.

2796. xiv Kal., March. The lord committed his offices to the vicar of Bruggewater to hear confessions of any of his subjects till the octave of Easter in the common form.

2797. Bishop Ralph to the abbot of Glaston.

Because we, by reason of the defects in the houses which Master William de Salton held, late canon in our cathedral church of Wells, which could scarcely be repaired for 40*li.* as appeared by an inquisition made at the instance of Master John de Sydenhale, now possessor of the houses, at our command, have decreed the goods of the same to be sequestrated to the sum aforesaid, especially as the removal and consumption of the goods of the said Master William is feared. We order you that you sequestrate the said goods to the sum aforesaid and cause them to be kept in a chest.

Wyvelscombe, 3 March, A.D. 1353.

The day and year aforesaid, before the first hour, in the bishop's chamber, in the presence of the said lord, Master John de Sydenhale swore that he did not believe that he could get the said 40*li.* by any way except the lord's sequestration.

Present, John de Risyngdon, Th. Chilterne, and me, Roger de Scardeclif.

2798. 4 March, year aforesaid, at Wyvelscombe. Licence for Margaret Beauchamp, of Somerset, to have masses and other divine offices in her chapel at Murifeld for a year.

Same day and place. Licence for Sir Thomas Bal, rector of Oke, to stay in the services of the same Margaret till Michaelmas next.

2799. Same day and place. The lord admitted Sir Roger Magot, priest, to the church of Blakedon, vacant by the resignation of Sir Hugh de Nova Aula, to which he was presented by Sir James de Audeley.

2800. John de Palton, sheriff of Somerset, to the bailiff of the liberty of the lord of Bath and Wells.

I have received the King's mandate in these words.

The King to the sheriff of Somerset, greeting. Know that Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, recovered his seisin against James Cobeham, by default of the said James, of one messuage, 30 acres of land and 6 acres of meadow in Cherde as the right of his church of St. Andrew, of Wells, by our writ *Quare cessavit per biennium.* And because there is a doubt of fraud arranged between them against the statute by which it is provided lest lands or tenements come to mortmain by any means. We command you that you cause twelve as well knights as other free and lawful men of the vicinage of Cherde, each of whom shall have 100*s*. of land, tenements or rent by the year at least, to come before our justices at Westminster in three weeks from Easter day, or before our beloved and trusty William de Shareshull and John de Stonford, or one of them, if they shall come first, on the 11th day of March, at Jevele, to recognise upon their oath what right the bishop has in the service of the said tenements, and which of his predecessors was in seisin thereof as in right of their church. In the meantime take the tenements into our hand and let the chief, mesne or immediate lords of that fee know that they may be there to hear the jury if they wish, &c.

Witness, J. de Stonore, at Westminster, 12 Feb., in the 28th year of our reign.

2801. 7 March, year above. The lord wrote to his royal majesty for the taking of William Wygemore, of Walcote next Bath, and Agnes his wife, because they were excommunicated and persevered in excommunication for 40 days as appears by a certificate sealed with the seal of the deanery of Bath which remains in the register of Wyveliscomb.

2802. viij Id., March, year and place aforesaid. Licence for Peter Fraunk, rector of Cokelyngton, acolyte, to be promoted to all holy orders by any Catholic bishop of the province of Canterbury.

2803. Same day and place. Licence for brother Richard Aunger, of the order of Minors, of Bridgewater, to hear confessions.

Same day and place. The lord committed his offices to the vicar of Radclif to hear confessions of the lord's subjects of Bristol, and to absolve them from perjury committed before the justices of the lord the King last sitting there.

2804. 11 March. The dean of Cruke, the rector of Whitstaunton and the vicar of Cherde to denounce as excommunicated all who violently struck and wounded Simon, vicar of Pipmynstre, and to inquire concerning their names and certify on the sixth day after the citation.

2805. Same day and place. The lord committed his offices to the vicar of Hiwissh to hear confessions of his parishioners till the octaves of Easter, the usual cases excepted.

12th day of the same month. The lord committed his offices to the rector of Honespull and the vicar of Puryton to hear confessions of his parishioners till the octaves of Easter, common cases excepted.

2806. Same day, &c. A mandate went forth to the rector of Honespull and the vicar of Puriton to denounce as excommunicated all who violently struck Nicholas Lange, of Burnham, clerk; under date 12 March, at Wyvelscombe, to enquire and certify on Wednesday next after the feast of the Annunciation. Fol. 429

It is certified.

2807. 13th day of the same month. A letter went forth under the private seal of the lord to the bishop of Exeter in which the lord prohibited the testimony concerning the good conversation of Peter Swyfte, of Netherstowey, priest.

2808. Licencia concessa vicario sancti Cuthberti Wellarum

ad removendum altare in cancello. Radulphus, &c., vicario sancti Cuthberti Wellarum nostre diocesis, salutem, gratiam, &c. Tue petitioni rationi congruenti favorabiliter annuentes, ut majus altare in cancello ecclesie predicti situatum pro lumine ampliori et ad decorem ejusdem possit amoveri et in alio loco convenienti situari. Ac extunc super altari portatili eidem superponendo usque adventum nostrum Wellas, divina valeant celebrari, licenciam in Domino concedimus specialem.

Datum apud Wyvelscombe xv. Kal., Aprilis, anno Domini supradicto.

2809. 19 March, year above, at Wyveliscomb. The lord admitted Robert Warlond, of Burton, priest, to the church of Telesford, vacant by the death of Master Gilbert de Shepton, to which he was presented by Walter de Paveley, knight.

And the same Robert, immediately after the institution, swore that if Sir John de Burton, late rector of Telesford could not peaceably retain the church of Crych, diocese of Bath and Wells, which he newly obtained, that he would permit the same John de Burton freely to return to the church of Telesford.

Present, Master Thomas de Bukton, Sir John de Risyngdon.

2810. Know present and to come that we, Thomas de Bukton and William de Cammel, have given, granted and by this our charter confirmed to the venerable father and lord in Christ, the lord Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, and to his successors for ever all the lands and tenements, woods, meadows and pastures, rents and services with all their appurtenances which we had of the gift and feoffment of Master Walter de Hull, archdeacon of Bath, in Welleslegh, Doultecote and Eston. We have also granted to the same venerable father the lord Ralph, the bishop, and to his successors forever all the rents and services issuing from one messuage, 8 acres of land, 1½ acres of meadow in Welleslegh aforesaid; which John de Welleslegh holds of us for the term of life, together with the reversion of the same messuage, land and meadow when it shall happen.

And the rent and services issuing from a messuage which John le Carpenter holds of us for the term of his life in the same vill. And also the rent and services issuing from a messuage which Robert le Marlere holds of us for the term of

his life in the same vill. And the rent and services issuing from one messuage, 10 acres of land and the moiety of one acre of meadow, with the appurtenances, in Eston which William Fraunkeleyn holds of us for the term of his life, together with the reversion of the aforesaid messuages, land meadows when they shall happen. To have and to hold, &c., forever, &c.

Witnesses, Walter de Paveley, Walter de Rodeny, knights, Robert Weyfer, Richard Everard, Thomas le Saltere, William de Compton, John de Herame (Hame) and others.

Dated at Wells, 27 Feb., 28 Edw. iii.

To all who shall inspect the present letters Thomas de Bukton, greeting in the Lord everlasting. Know ye that I have remised, released and altogether quitclaimed for me and my heirs to the venerable father and lord in Christ the lord Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, and to his successors for ever all my right and claim which I have or in future I can have in all those lands, &c., which John de Welleslegh, John le Carpunter, Robert le Marlere, and William Fraunkeleyn hold for the term of their lives in Welleslegh, Doultecote and Eston, all which the same lord Ralph, the bishop, has of the gift and grant of Sir William Cammel and mine in the vills and hamlets aforesaid, &c.

Wells, last day of Feb., 28 Edw. iii.

Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, to all.

Know that we have put in our place Hugh de Remyngton to receive and retain in our name full seisin in all the land, &c., which John de Welleslegh, &c., (as above) held in Welleslegh, Doultecote and Eston for their lives, which we have of the grant of Master Thomas de Bukton and William de Cammel.

Wyveliscomb, 26 Feb., 28 Edw. iii.

Know all men that I, Thomas de Bukton, have constituted Robert Calowe and John de Welleslegh, or either of them, to put Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells in full seisin in all my lands and tenements which William de Cammel and I have in Welleslegh, Doultecote and Eston, according to the tenour of the charter made to the bishop.

Wyvelscombe, 24 May, 28 Edw. iii.

Carta regis.

Edward, by the grace of God, King of England, &c., to all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

Although by the common council of our kingdom of England it is enacted that it is not lawful for religious men or others to enter into the fee of anyone so that it shall go to mortmain, without our licence and that of the chief lord of whom that thing is immediately held.

Nevertheless for 100*s.*, which Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, shall pay to us, we have granted and given licence to Master Thomas de Bukton and William de Cammel that they can give and assign one messuage, one carucate of land, 24 acres of meadow, 6 acres of wood, and 20*s.* 8*d.* of rent in Welleslegh, Doultecote and Eston to the said bishop.

To have and to hold to him and his successors forever. And to the same Thomas and William that they can grant that one messuage, 8 acres of land, and one acre and a half of meadow in Doultecote, which John de Welleslegh holds for the term of his life, &c., shall remain to the bishop.

To have and to hold to him and his successors together with the said messuages, carucates of land, 24 acres of meadow, wood and rent for ever. So that the same bishop can give and assign the same messuage, carucates of land, 24 acres of meadow, wood and rent to the vicars of the cathedral church of Wells to celebrate divine services for the healthful state of Walter de Hull, archdeacon of Bath, and the said Thomas and William de Cammel whilst they shall live, and for their souls when they shall pass away from this light, and for the souls of the fathers and mothers of the said bishop, archdeacon, Thomas and William de Cammel, and their ancestors and benefactors, and all the faithful deceased in the church of St. Andrew, of Wells, every day.

To have and to hold to the same vicars to celebrate as is aforesaid, &c.

(The reversion of the rest of the lands in like manner.)

Witness, ourself, at Wyndesore, 24 Aug. in the 26th year of our reign.

Fol. 430. To all the sons of the holy mother church who shall inspect the present letters, John de Carleton, the dean of the cathedral church of Wells, and the convent of the same place, greeting in the Lord everlasting.

We have inspected the charter made between Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, of the one part, and the vicars of the said

church inhabiting the new edifice constructed by the said father, of the other part, under the tenour which follows:

Sciant presentes et futuri quod Radulphus permissione divina Bathoniensis et Wellensis episcopus, licencia excellentissimi principis et domini Edwardi Dei gratia regis Anglie et Francie illustris super hoc requisita et optenta, habitoque primitus diligenti et solempni tractatu de subscriptis cum capitulis suis Bathon' et Wellen' de eorundem expresso consensu et assensu dedit, concessit et hac carta sua indentata confirmavit dilectis sibi in Christo filiis, vicariis ecclesie sue cathedralis Wellensis Deo servientibus et servituris imperpetuum in eadem, et in novo edificio ibidem per ipsum constructo commorantibus, et in aula communi dicti edificii simul reficientibus, et eorum successoribus vicariis ecclesie sue predicte inperpetuum, unum messuagium, unam carucatam terre, viginti et quatuor acras prati, sex acras bosci et viginti solidatis et octo denariatas redditus cum pertinentiis suis, in Welleslegh, Doultecote et Eston. Concessit etiam eisdem vicariis et eorum successoribus inperpetuum, quod unum mesuagium, octo acre terre et una acra prati et dimidia, cum pertinentiis, in Doultecote, que Johannes de Welleslegh tenet ad terminum vite sue de episcopo predicto et que post mortem predicti Johannis ad prefatum episcopum et successores suos reverti deberent post decessum ejusdem Johannis; et unum mesuagium, cum pertinentiis, in eadem villa, quod Johannes le Carpunter tenet ad terminum vite sue de episcopo predicto, et quod post mortem predicti Johannis le Carpenter ad prefatum episcopum et successores suos reverti deberet, &c., et unum mesuagium, cum pertinentiis, in eadem villa, quod Robertus le Marlere tenet ad terminam vite sue, &c., et unum mesuagium, decem acre terre et medietas unius acre prati, cum pertinentiis, in Eston, que Willielmus Fraunkeleyn tenet ad terminum vite sue, &c. remaneant predictis vicariis et successoribus suis, vicariis, inperpetuum. Que omnia predicta nuper fuerant in seisina Magistri Walteri de Hull, nuper archidiaconi Bathoniensis, Et predictus episcopus ea habuit de dono et feoffamento Magistri Thome de Bukton et Willelmi de Cammel.

Habenda et tenenda sibi et successoribus suis, vicariis in forma supradicta, una cum predictis mesuagiis, carucata terre, viginti

et quatuor acris prati, bosco, redditu et servitiis predictis, una cum releviis, eschaetis, &c., inperpetuum divina celebrantibus in ecclesia predicta. Prefatus vero episcopus et successores sui in omnibus predictis terris et tenementis habebunt inperpetuum omnia animalia que dicuntur Wayfe et strahura, ac bona et catella felonum, fugitivorum et dampnatorum, ac fines et amerciamenta de transgressionibus, et etiam fines pro licencia concordandi in curia domini regis de omnibus tenentibus suis in omnibus terris et tenementis et boscis predictis; necnon omnes libertates et proficua ab antiquo episcopatui Bathoniensi et Wellensi quovismodo de dictis terris et tenementis debita sine diminutione.

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Huic autem donacioni et tradicioni rerum predictarum predictus episcopus adjecit et ordinavit quod omnes vicarii dictum novum edificium inhabitantes et in aula communi prefati edificii interessentes in refectionibus communibus et consuetis propriis sumptibus unam missam de officio pro defunctis instituto singulis diebus pro salubri statu dicti episcopi dum vixerit et pro anima sua cum ab hac luce migraverit, necnon pro animabus magistri Walteri de Hull nuper archidiaconi Bathoniensis et pro statu magistri Thome de Bukton et Willelmi de Cammel dum vixerint, ac animabus suis cum ab hac luce migraverint, necnon pro animabus patrum et matrum episcopi, archidiaconi, Thome et Wellelmi predictorum, ac etiam antecessorum et benefactorum suorum omniumque fidelium defunctorum in ecclesia Wellen' predicta singulis diebus inperpetuum ad altare quod in honore corporis Christi in ipsa ecclesia dicitur esse constructum et ubi corpus dicti Walteri, nuper archidiaconi Bathon' requiescit humatum, modo qui sequitur, per se vel per alios celebrabunt, seu facient celebrari, videlicet quod dictorum vicariorum quilibet per unam ebdomadam singulariter successive et per ordinem inperpetuum, si in sacerdotali ordine fuerit constitutus, in propria persona, cessante quocunque inpedimento legittimo, hujusmodi missam celebrabit.

Ceteri vero vicarii predictum divinum officium modo predicto per alios facient adimpleri. Per hanc autem ordinacionem seu dispositionem noluit prefatus dominus episcopus, quod divino officio in prefata ecclesia sua Wellen' per dictos vicarios ex debito celebrando in aliquo derogetur. Voluit insuper et ordinavit venerabilis pater antedictus, quod quociens prefati

vicarii vel eorum aliquis circa celebrationem dicte misse modo quo superius est expressum, et prout hujusmodi divinum officium faciendum dictos vicarios seu eorum aliquem contigerit singulariter vel in communi adeo negligentes fuerint vel remissi negligens fuerit vel remissus, quod celebratio dicte misse, cessante quocunque inpedimento legittimo, fuerit omissa, tociens teneantur predicti vicarii et successores sui prefato episcopo et successoribus suis pro qualibet missa sic deficiente in quadraginta denariis sterlingorum, &c.

Hiis testibus dominis Waltero de Rodeney, Waltero de Paveley, militibus, Johanne de Somerton, Johanne de Comb, Walter de Tentebury et aliis.

Datum apud Wyveliscomb xvj die mensis Aprilis anno Domini millessimo, cccl quarto et anno regni Edwardi tercii post conquestum vicesimo octavo.

Which said donation and grant, we, the said John de Carleton, the dean, and the chapter aforesaid, do confirm in all things by the tenour of these presents.

Wells, 24 (?) April, year aforesaid.

2811. Bishop Ralph to John Power, priest. Fol. 431.

We confer on you the archdeaconry of Bath, in our church of Wells.

Wyvelscombe, 7 March, A.D. 1353.

2812. 7 March, year aforesaid, at Wyveliscomb. The lord conferred on John Power, priest, a canonry in the church of Wells, and the prebend called Combe, second, which Master Walter de Hull, late archdeacon of Bath held.

2813. xij Kal., April, year above, at Wyvelscombe. The lord admitted Audoen Vitery, priest, to the church of Brompton Ralph, to which he was presented by Matilda, relict of Ralph Fizours, knight, deceased.

2814. We, Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, have received on the day of the making of these presents from Master Simon de Farewey, rector of Lydyard St. Lawrence, our receiver, 11*li.* 5*s.* in full payment of the Peter's pence for A.D. 1353 in our diocese.

Wyvelscombe, 21 March year abovesaid.

2815. 22 March, year above, at Wyvelscombe. The lord granted to James Husee, that if he or his wife be sick, the vicar of Hampton can celebrate divine services in their oratory there for the time of their sickness, till the feast of St. Michael, notwithstanding that he has celebrated or will celebrate masses on the same days.

2816. 23rd day of the same month, year and place aforesaid. A mandate went forth to the lord's commissaries to surcease from all execution and sequestration against the abbot and convent of Glaston, by reason of the churches which they assert are appropriated to them in the diocese of Bath and Wells, till the feast of St. Peter ad Vincula.

Incipit annus Domini millesimus tricentesimus quinquagesimus quartus.

2817. 26th day of the same month. The lord wrote to the same commissaries to surcease from execution against the master and brethren of the hospital of St. John, of Bridgewater, as regards the exaction of the title of the church of Northovere.

2818. Under the same date he wrote to Master Stephen de Hull, collector of the farthings granted to Master Raymund Pelegrini, the Pope's nuncio, that he surcease from execution against the said master and brethren by reason of the farthings due from the benefices appropriated to them.

2819. Same day and year, in the chapel within the bishop's manor at Wyvelscombe, Sir Robert, rector of the church of Enemere and John de Biccomb appeared personally before us, Thomas de Bukton, the official of the said father and confessed that they are bound to the said father 40*li*. Present, J. de Risyngdon, Sir Robert Cauntelowe, Robert Sloo, public notary, and me Roger Scardeclif.

2820. Same day. The lord granted to Isolda, wife of John

Byccomb, [licence] to stay in the priory of Canyngton till the gule of August.

2821. To all, &c., Robert Atte Lidezete, parson of the church of Enemere, and John de Bickomb, greeting. Know that we and each of us are bound to Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells in 100*li.*

Wyvelscombe, 26 March, A.D. 1354.

To all, &c., Robert Atte Lydzete, parson of the church of Enemere, greeting in the Lord. Know ye that I have given and granted to the venerable father and lord in Christ the lord Ralph, by the grace of God, bishop of Bath and Wells, his heirs and assigns forever, 10*li.* of annual rent to be taken annually from all my lands and tenements which I have in Bromfeld and Enemere at the four chief terms of the year, &c. Fol. 432.

Witnesses, Walter de Rodeneye, Walter de Pavely, knights, John de Combe, Henry de Radnor and others.

Wyvelscomb, 26 March, 21 Edw. iii.

To all, &c., John de Bykcombe, greeting in the Lord. Know ye that I have given and granted to the venerable father and lord in Christ the lord Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, his heirs and assigns forever, 10*li.* of annual rent to be taken annually from all my lands and tenements which I have in Craucombe and Tymbercombe, &c.

Witnesses (as above).

Wyvelscombe, 26 March, 28 Edw. iii.

2822. 27 March, year above, at Wyvelscombe. Licence for Simon de Meryet to have masses and other divine offices celebrated in his chapel of Hestrecomb till the feast of St. Michael.

2823. 28th day of the same month, at Wyvelscombe. Licence for Roger, rector of the church of Kyngton, to stay in the services of St. John de Clyvedon, knight, till Michaelmas, and in the meantime to let his church to farm.

2824. Same day and place. Licence for Richard, vicar of Barton, to celebrate a second time in the day at Estludford, because he is the curate (curator) of the rector there; and to

bring the rector to his vicarage of Barton, and there to minister necessary things to him till the feast of St. Michael.

2825. Edwardus Dei gratia rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie, venerabili in Christo patri Radulpho eadem gratia episcopo Bathoniensi et Wellensi salutem. Quia pro magnis et urgentibus negociis nos et statum regni nostri Anglie ac necessariam defensionem ejusdem regni summe concernentibus, parliamentum nostrum apud Westmonasterium die lune proximo post festum sancti Marci Evangeliste proximum futurum tenere et vobiscum et cum ceteris prelatis ac magnatibus et proceribus dicti regni nostri Anglie colloquium habere volumus et tractatum. Vobis in fide et dilectione quibus nobis tenemini firmiter injungendo mandamus, quatinus, cessante excusatione quacumque, dictis die et loco personaliter intersitis nobiscum, ac cum ceteris prelatis magnatibus et proceribus dicti regni super negociis predictis tractaturi vestrumque consilium impensuri: et hoc sicut nos et honorem nostrum, ac commune commodum dicti regni diligitis, nullatenus omittatis. Premunientes decanum et capitulum ecclesie vestre Wellensis et priorem et capitulum ecclesie Bathoniensis ac archidiaconos totumque clerum vestre diocesis quod iidem decanus, prior et archidiaconi in propriis personis suis ac utraque capitula predicta per unum, idemque clerus per duos procuratores idoneos, plenam et sufficientem potestatem ab eisdem capitulis et clero habentes, predictis die et loco personaliter intersint ad faciendum et consentiendum hiis que tunc ibidem de communi consilio, favente Domino, ordinari contigerit super negociis antedictis.

Teste me ipso, apud Westmonasterium, xv die Marcii anno regni nostri Anglie, xxviij, regni vero Francie xv.

By virtue of which writ the lord ordered the dean of Wells, the prior of Bath, the archdeacons of Bath, Wells, and Taunton, to be warned that they be present at the day and place named in the writ, and that the dean and prior warn their chapters and the archdeacons their clergy.

2826. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

Whereas we have granted to our very dear clerk, John de Blebury, the prebend of Luxevile in the church of St. Andrew

of Wells, pertaining to our donation by reason of the temporalities of the said bishopric lately being in our hand. We command you that you admit the said John, and cause a stall in the choir and a place in the chapter to be assigned to him, as the custom is.

Witness, ourself, at Westminster, 16 March, in the 28th year of our reign.

2827. In the name of God, Amen.

Although I, John Huwyssh, clerk, was presented to the free chapel of Claverham, diocese of Bath and Wells, by the true patron of the same chapel, you nevertheless venerable father, did not take care to admit me to the said chapel and institute me in the same to my no small harm. Wherefore I, the said John, appeal to the court of Canterbury in these writings.

This appeal was notified 4 April, about the third hour A.D. above, in the lord's chapel at Wyvelscombe. And the same father assigned to the said John the last day . . . . at Stokurcy.

Present, Sir John Risyngdon and Roger Tibrighton.

2828. 8th day of the same month, at Wyvelscomb. Licence for William Kynardeley, canon of Wells, to have divine services celebrated in his oratory at Wells for a year.

2829. Also letters dimissory for John Fleming, acolyte, to be ordained to all holy orders by any Catholic bishop of the province of Canterbury.

2830. Writ to Bishop Ralph.

Cause John Lupzate, vicar of the church of Corston, executor of the will of John de Huwyssh, late parson of the church of Nuton Seyntlowe, your clerk, to come before our justices at Westminster on the quindene of Easter to answer to John Ralegh, of Netilcomb, of a plea that he together with William Chyw, co-executor of the said John Lypzate, render to him two charters . . . quitclaim, and a certain deed indented which he unjustly withholds from him.

Witness, J. de Stonore, at Westminster, . . . day of Jan., in the 28th year of our reign.

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Registrum Radulphi de Salopia.

1. 27 Jan., A.D. 1361, at Wyvelescombe. The lord admitted Sir Nicholas de Drayton, priest, to the parish church of Schepham, vacant by the resignation of Sir Philip de Mucelstoke, at the presentation of Sir John de Clyvedon. And subsequently the said Nicholas resigned the vicarage of Corston, which he formerly held. Fol. 286. Reg. Drok.

Present, Masters Thomas Hull, R. Sloo, canons of the church of Wells, and I, R. W. Tybrighton.

2. John, vicar of Taunton, to Bishop Ralph.

I received the mandate of your fatherhood on the 14th day of January, containing the form below written.

Radulphus permissione divina Bathonensis et Wellensis episcopus dilectis in Christo filiis perpetuo vicario ecclesie beate Marie Magdalene Tantonensi et capellano parochiali ejusdem nostre diocesis, salutem, graciam et benedictionem. Presentato nobis ex parte religiosorum virorum conventus prioratus Tantonensis ordinis sancti Augustini nostre diocesis, prioratus regimine destituto, decreto electionis de fratre Waltero de Bradelegh, ejusdem prioratus regulari canonico, in priorem ejusdem prioratus, electo, canonice ut dicitur celebrate, nobis est per eosdem religiosos instancius supplicatum ut eandem electionem auctoritate pontificali confirmare curaremus prout nostro incumbit officio et canonicis consuevit institutis. Volentes igitur, vocatis in hac parte vocandis, de forma electionis, studiisque ac meritis eligencium et electi hujusmodi ceterisque dicti negocii circumstanciis necessariis et oportunis, observatis, juris ordine fieri debita, certiores omnes quorum interest et qui se opponere voluerunt ad infrascriptos diem et locum fore

decrevimus, justicia previa, evocandos. Quocirca vobis et utrique vestrum in solidum in virtute obediencie firmiter injungendo mandamus, quatinus coelectum competitorem vel oppositorem quemcumque, si quis fuerit, nominatim ac nihilominus sive coelectis competitorum aut appositorum hujusmodi apparuerit sive non apparuerit specialis publice proclamacionis ac citacionis edicto in ecclesia conventuali Tantonensi predicta, in qua predicta electio dinoscitur esse facta, sollempniter proposito et premisso, citetis seu citari peremptorie faciatis omnes et singulos qui contra dictam electionem, vel electi personam, quicquam proponere vel apponere se voluerint. Necnon jus et interesse eis competenter in hac parte in forma juris pro termino peremptorie propositurus et quatenus jus patitur probaturos, ac proponi produci, exhiberi et probari pro parte electi seu eligencium predictorum quicquid proponere, producere, exhibere seu probare duxerint in hac parte: visuris et audituris ulteriusque facturis et recepturis juxta hujusmodi negocii qualitatem et materiam quod justicia suadebit. Decuncietis insuper palam et publice tam in specie, si necesse fuerit, quam in genere, omnibus et singulis quos hujusmodi negocium concernit seu concernere potuit quovismodo, quod, sive venerint sive non, in toto ipsius electionis negocio procedetur quatenus de jure fuerit procedendum, eorum absencia non obstante, usque confirmacionem seu infirmacionem, nodatum etiam inclusive. De die vero recepcionis, citationis ac denunciacionis hujusmodi nos seu nostrum commissarium in hac parte dictis die et loco certificare curetis literis vestris patentibus habentibus hunc tenorem auctoritato sub sigillo.

Datum apud Wyveliscombe, xij die mensis Januarii, anno Domini millesimo ccc^{mo} sexagesimo primo.

By virtue of which mandate, on the 15th day of January, in the conventual church of Taunton, we publicly and solemnly cited all opposers according to the effect of your mandate.

Wyvelescombe, 16 Jan., A.D. above.

Die Mercurii proximo post festum sancte Prisce Virginis anno domini millesimo ccc^{mo} lx^{o} primo, coram venerabili et discreto viro Magistro Roberto de Nettelton, canonico ecclesie Wellensis, reverendi patris domini Radulphi Dei gracia Bathonensis et Wellensis episcopi commissario in hac parte speciali deputato,

in ecclesia prebendali de Wyveliscombe pro tribunali sedente, Rogerus Langerugge, procurator religiosorum virorum conventus prioratus Tantonensis in negocio eleccionis de fratre Waltero Grateley, canonico dicti prioratus, literatorie constitutus, personaliter comparuit et exhibuit procuratorium suum et eciam certificatorium proclamacionis in hac parte facta, cujus tenor superius continetur. Per quod apparuit omnes et singulos juxta formam mandati predicti . . . et legitime fuisse citatos prout in certificatorio supradicto plenius est contentum . . . certificatorio ibidem perlecto, factaque proclamacione et preconizacione palam publice et in genere, debitis in hac parte . . . Coelecto competitoribus oppositoribus seu contradictoribus aliqualiter . . . idem Commissarius . . . Fol. 286b. preclusit viam quibuscunque quicquam proponere vel opponere in hac parte volentibus per decretum. Exhibitisque postea et productis per dictum procuratorem decreto electionis, sub instrumento publico, et pluribus aliis literis et munimentis dictam electionem concernentibus, et quatuor testibus ac instructoribus, quibus dictus procurator protestabatur se velle uti in subsidium probacionis electionis predicte, et loco libelli quatenus facerent pro parte electi et electionis predicte, et non aliter neque ultra. Admissisque dictis testibus tunc ibidem et instructoribus ac juratis in forma juris, et postea per dictum commissarium examinatis, dictus commissarius continuavit dictum diem usque diem Jovis proximo tunc sequentem, cum continuacione et prorogacione dierum Veneris et Sabbati tunc sequentium ad publicandum et procedendum ulterius et faciendum in toto negotio quod erit justum. Presentibus Rogero Langerugge, Willelmo Wolleye, notariis publicis, Thoma Coliford, clerico, et aliis. Quo die Sabbati adveniente, prefatus commissarius infra curiam dicti patris apud Wyveliscombe pro tribunali sedens, continuavit dictum diem usque diem Lune proximo tunc sequentem cum continuacione et prorogacione dierum sequencium, ad procedendum in capella dicti patris faciendum et recipiendum in toto dicto negotio quod isto die essent facturi. Presentibus, Magistris Roberto Crosse, Johanne Warun de Wellesley et Willelmo Wolleye, notariis publicis, ac me Rogero Tybrighton.

Quibus die et loco fratre Waltero Gratelegh, electo, et

procuratore predictis, coram dicto Magistro Roberto, commissario, pro tribunali sedente, personaliter comparentibus, publicatisque attestacionibus hujusmodi ac dictis literis et munimentis iterum exhibitis tunc ibidem, ac quadam litera auctentica sub sigillo reverendi patris domini Willelmi Dei gracia Wyntonensis episcopi dicto venerabili patri domino Bathonensi et Wellensi episcopo directa in hec verba. Venerabili in Christo patri ac domino, domino Radulpho Dei gracia Bathonensi et Wellensi episcopo, Willelmus ejusdem permissione Wyntonensis episcopus, salutem et sincere dilectionis continuum incrementum. Vacante nuper prioratu ecclesie conventualis Tantonensis vestre diocesis et nostri patronatus per obitum fratris Thome de Pederton, ultimi prioris ejusdem, fratres conventus prioratus predicti, petita prius a nobis ejusdem ecclesie priorem eligendi licencia et optenta, religiosum virum fratrem Walterum Grateleye, canonicum suum, in eorum et ecclesie predicte, sicut ex literis eorundem nobis missis collegimus, concorditer elegerunt. Cui quidem electioni, nobis eorundem patrono, prout decuit, presentate, assensum prebimus consuetum. Quocirca vestre paternitati reverende attencius supplicamus, quatinus quod vestri est in hac parte pastoralis officii, eidem electo quem tamquam virum morum gravitate, religionis honestate et aliis gratiarum muneribus, ut accepimus multipliciter preditum, vestre gracie propensius comendamus, impendere dignemini propicio cum favore. Datum apud Suthwerk, xvij° die mensis Januarii anno Domini millesimo cccmo lx primo, et nostre consecrationis sextodecimo. Conclusoque per dictum commissarium in dicto negotio cum procuratore hujusmodi concludente, etiam in eodem, idem procurator electionem de dicto fratre Waltero factam, ut premittitur, petiit per dictum venerabilem tunc presentem, seu ipsius commissarium in hac parte canonice confirmari. Cujus peticionis tenor, quam idem procurator interposuit tunc ibidem, sequitur in hec verba, &c. Quibus factis, prefatus reverendus pater, tunc ibidem pro tribunali sedens, de consilio juris peritorum secum assidencium, dictam
Fol. 287. electionem in forma que sequitur confirmavit, &c. Receptaque postmodum ab eodem priore obediencia ut est moris, demandatum fuit archidiacono Tanton' vel ejus officiali aut eorum vices gerenti ad installandum et inducendum eundem, ac etiam

capitulo dicte ecclesie ad obediendum et intendendum eidem in omnibus sicut decet.

3. 29 Jan., A.D. 1361. The reverend father admitted John de Wellesforde, priest, to the parish church of Badialton, vacant by the death of William Hockeday, the last rector, at the presentation of Ralph de Pouleshull.

Same day and place, he admitted Sir John Loweyne, priest, to the parish church of Orchardlegh at the presentation of Henry Marlan.

4. Last day of January, at Wyvelescomb. The lord admitted Sir William Playss, priest, to the parish church of Chelvy, vacant by the death of Sir Henry, the last rector, at the presentation of Sir Richard de Acton.

Same day and place. The lord conferred on Sir John Rouland, priest, the chantry in the chapel of Wyke Parham.

5. 13 Feb., year above, at Wyveliscombe. The lord admitted Sir John Neuman, priest, to the parish church of Radyngton, vacant by the resignation of William atte Heyne, the last rector, at the presentation of John de Radyngton.

Same day and place. The lord conferred on Master Thomas de Schepton a canonry of Wells and the prebend called Taunton, vacant by the death of John Logwardyn.

6. 19 Feb., at Wyvelescombe. The lord admitted William Loheryn, having the first tonsure, to the parish church of Purloke, vacant by the death of John Speek, the last rector, at the presentation of Sir Nigell Loheryn.

7. 18 Feb. The lord admitted William de Pikewille, priest, to the parish church of Trente, vacant by the death of Master Thomas de Upton, the last rector, at the presentation of the King by reason of the minority of the heir of Thomas Chasteleyn, and instituted him as rector in the person of John Boulond, his proctor.

8. 9 Feb., at Wyveliscombe. The lord instituted John de

Hemyngton, chaplain, to the vicarage of the church of Chilterne, vacant by the resignation of Sir Joseph de Ieuelcestre, to which he was presented by the prior and convent of Bruton.

9. 10 Feb., at Wyveliscombe. The lord instituted Sir John Herlawe, chaplain, to a certain perpetual chantry for the soul of Edward Le Frensshe in the chapel of St. Mary of Radèclif, Bristol, vacant by the resignation of John Herynge, at the presentation of Robert de Cheddre, mayor of Bristol.

10. 13 Feb., at Wyveliscombe. The lord admitted Richard Forste, priest, to the church of Chipstaple, vacant by the free resignation of Sir William Wysman, the last rector, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Muchelneye

Same day and place. The lord admitted William Wysman, priest, to the parish church of Ronyngton at the presentation of the prior and convent of Taunton.

11. 15 Feb. Letters dimissory for Matthew Bodeclegh, clerk, to minor and holy orders.

Same day and place. Letters dimissory for John de Hymberforde, having the first tonsure, to minor and holy orders.

12. 16 Feb. Letters dimissory for Robert de Baltesbury, acolyte, to all holy orders.

13. 16 Feb., A.D. 1361. The lord, in his chamber at Wyveliscombe, conferred on Sir John Wiggemore, priest, the vicarage of the church of Welyngton, belonging to his presentation by reason of the wardenship of Wells being in his hands this time.

Present, Master Robert Nettelton, canon of Wells, William White, and Nicholas Spicer, clerks. Sir John Lourghe, chaplain, to induct him. R. W. Tybrighton.

14. Bishop Ralph to Master Robert de Nettelton, his official.

Ad cognoscendum et procedendum per quamcumque viam juris legittimam in causa matrimoniali et monachatus que vertitur seu

verti speratur inter Christianam Courtenay, actricem, ex parte una, et fratrem Henricum Brikebet, monachum monasterii Glaston', reum, ex altera, dictamque causam cum suis dependentibus, &c., terminandum ; ceteraque faciend ım, &c., vobis in hac parte committimus specialiter vices nostras cum cohercionis cujuslibet canonice potestate.

Wyvelescomb, 17 Feb., A.D. 1361.

15. Bishop Ralph to John Patewyne, son of John Patewyne, of Mertoke. Fol. 287b.

Ab omni servitute et condicione servili quibus Thesaurario ecclesie nostre Wellensis et nobis ratione custodie vacacionis ejusdem Thesaurarii in manibus nostris pleno jure existentis actrictis existis, caritatis intuitu, et pro salute anime nostre et animarum Thesaurariorum ecclesie nostre Wellensis necnon meritis tuis id exigentibus, te, thesaurario predicto, ut prefertur, vacante, manumittimus et penitus liberamus, &c.

Wyveliscombe, 20 Feb., A.D. 1361.

Same day and place. Letters dimissory for William Loheryn, rector of Purloke, having the first tonsure, to minor and all holy orders.

Same day and place. Licence for the said rector to study in the university of Oxford for a year.

16. 24 Feb., at Wyveliscombe. The lord admitted John Wyght, priest, to the chantry of Bitchenstoke at the presentation of Sir John de Sancte Laudo, and instituted him as perpetual canon in the same.

17. 26 Feb., A.D. above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord admitted Sir William Bailly, priest, to the perpetual chantry in the chapel of St. Mary, of Wyke Perham, near Lamport, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Rouland, belonging to the presentation of the abbot and convent of Muchelney this time by reason of the minority of Nicholas, son and heir of William Poulet, and instituted him as perpetual chaplain in the same.

Subsequently, same day and place, the said Sir William took an oath that if litigation or *controversia* should arise touching the

right of patronage of the said chantry he will preserve the lord indemnified and resign the said chantry.

Present, Masters William de Derby and Robert atte Sloo, canons of Wells, and I, R. W. Tybrighton.

18. Same day and place. The lord conferred on Sir John Leche, priest, the vicarage of Overstowey and instituted him in the same.

19. On the said 26th day of Feb., A.D. 1361, the bishop, at Wyveliscomb, about the first hour, conferred the vicarage of the church of Welyngton, being in his hands by reason of the custody of the vacancy of the wardenship of the church of Wells then being in his hands, on Sir John Wiggemore, priest, Sir John Lourgh, chaplain, to induct him.

Present, Sir William Derby, canon of Wells, and I, Roger Tibrighton.

20. 7 March, at Wyveliscomb. The lord admitted Sir John Carsewelle, priest, to the church of Weston next Cammel, vacant by the resignation of Robert atte Sloo, at the presentation of Joan, who was the wife of John Banfeld. If litigation arise he will resign.

Present, Master William Derby, Roger, rector of Blakedon, Walter Cady, Thomas Hospynel, and I, Robert Sloo.

Fol. 288. 21. 8 March, A.D. 1361, at Wyveliscomb. The lord admitted Sir Adam Wrocwardyn to the church of Henton Bluet, vacant by the resignation of John Herlawe, at the presentation of Matthew de Button.

22. Bishop Ralph to Master John Farman, rector of Cherleton Makerell.

Cum omnes clerici gradus et ordinis ecclesiastici cujuscunque super criminibus et excessibus penam sanguinis communiter aliis irrogantibus impetiti, eorumque examinacio et punicio nequaquam ad forum secularem, sed ad forum noscantur ecclesie pertinere. Vobis igitur de cujus fidelitate et industria confidimus in hac parte, ad examinandum hujusmodi clericos coram justiciariis domini nostri regis in proxima sessione apud Somertone

nostre diocesis facienda, in proximis, si qui fuerint tunc ibidem super hujusmodi criminibus et excessibus impetiti ; et in casu quo per hujusmodi examinacionem et suorum ordinum literas, seu alio modo legitimo eos esse clericos non bigamos, et in possessione clericatus existere et privilegio clericali gaudere debere inveneritis, ad petendum et recipiendum eosdem sub tuta nobis et nostro carceri custodia liberandos, necnon ad alia facienda que in premissis et circa ea necessaria fuerint vel eciam oportuna, committimus vices nostras donec eas ad nos duxerimus revocandas.

Wyveliscomb, 9 March, A.D. 1361.

23. 11 March, at Wyveliscomb. The lord admitted Richard Beufitz, deacon, to the church of Gosebradene at the presentation of John de Meriet, knight, by reason of the minority of Henry son and heir of Richard Bidewell.

24. 12 March. Letters dimissory for Richard Holewille, rector of Estcoker, acolyte, to all holy orders.

25. Littera missa domino episcopo Bathoniensi et Wellensi per Eustasium Dabrichcourt.

Because we lately presented Andrew de Burnham, clerk, to the church of Chiltone Cauntilo supposing that the advowson pertained to us by the dower of our partner Elizabeth, countess of Kent, and since then we have been fully informed that the advowson pertains to the prince, wherefore very dear lord, we pray that the presentee of the prince be accepted notwithstanding our presentation.

London, Saturday next before Candlemas, A.D. 1361.

14 March, A.D. 1361, before the bishop, in his chapel at Wyveliscomb.

Sir Edmund Barlich appeared personally at the church of Chilton Cantilo, presented by the King, and renounced his presentation.

Present, John de Bekyngton, William Derby, Robert Sloo, and I, R. W. Tybrighton.

Bishop Ralph to John de Bondeby, acolyte.

We admit you in the person of John de Pulford, your proxy, to the parish church of Chiltone Cauntilo, vacant by the death of Guy de Bellano Monte, to which you are presented by the prince of Wales, and institute you as rector in the same. [You shall pay] the pensionary of the vicarage of Estcammel in *2s. 6d.* annually, and also the portionary to the same vicarage in the tithes of two portions within the boundaries of the said parish from the whole demesne of the lord of Chilton.

Wyvelescomb, 14 March, A.D. 1361.

26. Bishop of Chichester, to Bishop Ralph.

We have received your letters containing the tenor which follows, Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells to Robert, bishop of Chichester.

William de Wykham, canon of Wells, and prebendary of Wermenstre, and William Bokbrugge, canon of the King's free chapel of Hastynges, prebendary of Crowehurst, propose to exchange their benefices.

We commit our offices to you to enquire, &c.

Wyveliscombe, 19 Feb., A.D. 1361.

We have conferred the said canonry and prebend of Wells on the said William de Bokbrigge.

Aldyngbourne, iij Kal., March, A.D. above.

27. 14 March, A.D. above. Andrew de Stratford, proxy of Sir William Bookebrigge, canon of Wells and prebendary of Wermynstre, diocese of Salisbury, appeared before the lord in the chapel of his manor of Wyveliscomb and swore obedience to the said father in the name of his lord. Subsequently a mandate was issued under the seal of the lord to the dean of Wells or his official to induct.

28. Bishop Ralph to Robert, bishop of Salisbury.

Robert,bishop of Chichester, has conferred a canonry of Wells and the prebend of Wermynstre on William de Bokebrigge. We ask your fatherhood that you will deign to cause the said William to be inducted into possession of the prebend.

Wyvelescomb, 17 March, A.D. 1361.

29. 17 March, at Wyvelescomb. The lord admitted Sir Richard Budel, chaplain, to the church of Estludeforde, vacant by the resignation of Sir Richard de Risyngdon, at the presentation of Sir Ralph de Middelney.

30. 20 March. The lord conferred on John Benet, acolyte, the vicarage of the stall of Combe eighth, vacant by the resignation of Thomas Wareyn.

31. 23 March, at Wyveliscomb. The lord admitted Sir Nicholas de Carscombe, priest, to the church of Tymberghe, vacant by the death of Robert Morcoke, at the presentation of William de Edyngdon, bishop of Winchester.

Same day and place. The lord conferred on Sir John Fitz Dauyd, priest, the vicarage of Stoweye next Chyw, vacant by the resignation of Sir Adam Wrocwardyn.

32. 25 March, A.D. 1362, at Wyveliscombe. The lord conferred on Sir John Irisch, priest, the parish church of Laverton, vacant by the death of Walter Pigatz.

Present, Sir William de Derby, Walter de Clopton, and Walter de Temedebury, and I, R. W. Tybrighton.

33. 27 March, at Wyveliscomb. The lord admitted Sir John Purcel, priest, to the church of Clovesworth, vacant by the death of Walter Irisch, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Montacute.

34. 30 March, A.D. 1362, at Wyveliscomb. The lord instituted Sir Walter de Cory, priest, to the vicarage of the prebendal church of Longesuttone, belonging to the presentation of the abbot and convent of Athelneye. Fol. 289.

Subsequently the said Sir Walter took an oath that he would apply all portions due to the said vicarage to the utility of the vicarage.

Present, Sir Robert Hacche, abbot of Athelneye, Master Walter de Burcomb, William Derby, canons of Wells, Nicholas de Brideport, clerk, and I, R. W. Tybrighton.

35. 5 April, year above, at Wyveliscomb. The lord instituted Sir Thomas de Salessebury, priest, to the chantry of St. Mary in the church of Estcoker at the presentation of the lord Hugh de Courtenay, earl of Devon.

Same day and place. The lord instituted Robert Ichestoke, chaplain, to the vicarage of the church of Karamptone, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Mere, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bath.

Same day and place. The lord instituted Robert Drayton, priest, to the vicarage of the church of Dunsterre, vacant by the free resignation of Robert de Ichestoke, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bath.

Same day and place. The lord granted to Roger More, rector of Rympton, that he could stay in the services of the bishop of Winchester for two years,

36. 6 April, year above, at Wyveliscomb. The lord conferred on Thomas Cropp, priest, by his ordinary authority, the vicarage of the church of Stoklonde Gaunt, and instituted him as perpetual vicar in the same.

Same day and place. Letters dimissory for John Bondeby, acolyte, rector of Chilton Caunteloo, to all holy orders, and that he could stay in the service of the prince of Wales for two years at the prayers of the said prince.

37. Universis Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit, Radulphus permissione divina Bathonensis et Wellensis episcopus. Noveritis nos pro nobis et successoribus nostris donasse, concessisse et hoc presenti scripto confirmasse Willelmo de Cammel, canonico Wellensi et Waltero de Cammel, servitori dicti Willelmi, ad terminum vite eorundem et per annum integrum post decessum utriusque eorundem, omnia terras et tenementa in la Worthe in Woky cum omnibus suis pertinentiis que Petronilla de Northom̃ de nobis tenuit. Reddendo inde annuatim nobis et successoribus nostris ad totam vitam eorundem Willelmi et Walteri octo marcas sterlingorum ad quatuor anni terminos principales, equis porcionibus, pro omni servicio, seculari exactione et demanda. Dedimus etiam et concessimus eisdem Willelmo et Waltero ad

totam vitam eorundem, et per annum integrum post decessum eorundem quasdam placeas vocatas Grenecastel Forshottes et La Westshottes in manerio nostro Wellarum. Reddendo inde annuatim nobis et successoribus nostris triginta duos solidos ad terminos predictos. Et quia predicta terre et tenementa cum suis pertinentiis ad solvendum dictum annuum redditum non sufficiunt hiis diebus, dedimus et concessimus prefatis Willelmo et Waltero ad totam vitam eorundem et per annum integrum post decessum utriusque eorum totum illud tenementum cum omnibus suis pertinentiis quod quidam Henricus de la Worthe nuper ibidem tenuit in Woky scituatum juxta tenementum Petronille de Northom predicte: ac etiam quindecim solidos et octo denarios annui redditus exeuntis de quibusdam molendinis fulleraticis et quatuor acris terre cum pertinentiis in Woky que Margeria uxor quondam Petri Le Moners de nobis tenet. Ac etiam dedimus et concessimus et hac presenti carta confirmavimus pro nobis et successoribus nostris eisdem Willelmo et Waltero ad totam vitam utriusque eorum et per annum integrum post decessum eorum totum clausum nostrum de dominico nostro vocatum Merleye in manerio nostro de Woky predicto. Hoc salvo, quod non liceat eisdem Willelmo et Waltero quercus in dicto clauso prosternere sine licencia nostra seu successorum nostrorum. Habenda et tenenda, &c., prefatis Willelmo et Waltero ad totam vitam eorundem et per annum integrum post decessum utriusque eorum de nobis et successoribus nostris libere, quiete, bene et in pace absque aliqua calumpnia nostri vel successorum nostrorum quorumcumque, &c.

Datum in manerio nostro de Wyvelescombe primo die Februarii anno regni regis Edwardi tercii post conquestum tricesimo sexto et consecrationis nostre tricesimo tercio.

Hiis testibus; dominis Waltero de Rodenay, Waltero Pavely, Ricardo de Acton, militibus, Magistro Willelmo Derby, canonico Wellensi, Willelmo Coker, Waltero Tentebury et aliis.

38. Bishop Ralph to the perpetual vicars of Banewell and Kewstoke

We grant you special licence to solemnize matrimony between

William Coker and Joan, relict of Walter Le Irisch, knight, deceased, in the chapel or oratory at Milton in the parish of Kewstoke.

Wyveliscombe, 12 April, A.D. 1362.

39. Bishop Ralph to Master Robert atte Crosse, his clerk.

We commit our offices to you to levy whatever monies are due to us by reason of the vacancy of the archdeaconry of Wells by the death of William "episcopus Tusculanus."

Wyveliscombe, 12 April, A.D. 1362.

40. 13 April, at Wyveliscomb. The lord instituted Sir William Pippynge, priest, to the vicarage of Corstone, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bath.

41. 14 April, at Wyveliscombe. The lord instituted Sir Thomas Baldewyne, priest, to the archpresbitery of the church of Pokyngton, vacant by the resignation of Sir Walter Threske, at the presentation of William de Monte Acuto, earl of Salisbury.

42. 15 April, at Wyveliscomb. The lord instituted Sir William Eode, priest, to the vicarage of Hampton, vacant by the resignation of Sir Nicholas de Carssecombe, pertaining to the prior and convent of Bath.

Same day and place. The lord admitted John Kewel, subdeacon, to the church of Thorne Coffyn, vacant by the resignation of Robert Wich, at the presentation of Alice, formerly the wife of John Borde, by reason of the minority of Robert Coffyn, son and heir of William Coffyn.

Fo. 390. 43. 22 April, A.D. 1362, at Wyvelescombe. The lord conferred on Sir William de Odecombe, priest, a canonry of Wells and the prebend of Wedmore Fourth.

Same day the said William resigned the canonry and prebend of Cory.

Present, William Derby, William Whyte, Nicholas Spicer, and I, R. Slo.

44. 24 April, at Wyvelescombe. The lord conferred on Sir Roger Tybrightone, rector of Lidierd St. Lawrence, priest, a canonry of Wells and the prebend of Cory.

Same day and place. The lord conferred on Sir John Warynge, of Welleslegh, rector of Farneburgh, priest, a canonry of Wells, and the prebend of Combe eighth which William Banastre, the younger, formerly held, vacant by the resignation of the said William.

45. 29 April, at Wyveliscombe. The lord admitted Sir Thomas Don, priest, to the parish church of Kyngeston pertaining to the presentation of John Seys and Martin de Moulissh.

Same day and place. Licence for the said Thomas to serve Sir Guy Brien, knight, till Michaelmas.

46. Bishop Ralph to Sir Henry de Bokyngham, dean of the King's free chapel of Wymbornemynstre.

We have lately received your letters in these words.

Henry de Bokyngham, dean of the King's free chapel of Wymbornemynstre, diocese of Salisbury, to Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells. Because Master Thomas Yonge, rector of Budeclegh, of your diocese, and Robert Brembre, canon of the said chapel and prebendary in the same desire to exchange their benefices. We commit our offices to you in the matter of the said exchange.

London, 15 Feb., A.D. 1361.

We have conferred the said canonry and prebend on the said Master Thomas Yonge in the person of Thomas de Walton, his proxy, &c.

Wyveliscombe, 2 May, A.D. 1362.

The sacristan of the chapel of Wymbornemynstre to induct the said Master Thomas. Fol. 290b.

Same day he instituted Master Robert Brembre, clerk, in the person of Hugh Laxman, his proxy, to the church of Budeclegh, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glaston.

47. 2 May, he instituted John Clergys, subdeacon, to the church of Legh Militis, at the presentation of Matilda, relict of John Aunger, deceased, lady of Legh.

48. 4 May, at Wyveliscombe. The lord, at the instance of brother Matthew de Tyderlegh, granted that the vicar of Est Pennard could celebrate on Sundays and feast days, and other days when necessary, till the Feast of St. Michael, in the chapel of Bradelegh, although he shall have celebrated before, or shall wish to celebrate the same days in the church of Pennard.

The rector of Gothurst has the same licence to celebrate twice day in his church and another chapel.

49. Bishop Ralph to brother John de Wyncaulton, canon of the priory of St. James, of Staverdale, of the order of St. Victor.

Nuper prioratu predicto per mortem bone memorie Johannis Bodman, ultimi prioris ejusdem, vacante; concessaque dicti loci confratribus, per excellentissimum principem, dominum nostrum regem Anglie racione custodie Ricardi, filii et heredis Nicholai de Sancto Mauro, et Murielle uxoris ejus, defunctorum, patronum ejusdem prioratus, licencia eligendi alium in priorem, iidem confratres in nos compromittentes eligendi et preficiendi eisdem priorem hac vice, transtulerunt omnimodam potestatem. Hujusmodi acceptantes juxta dicte licencie regie continenciam et effectum, te penes nos multipliciter commendatum in priorem dicti prioratus eligimus et preficimus per presentes, &c.

Wyvelescombe, 3 Nov., A.D. 1361

50. 10 May, A.D. 1362, at Wyveliscomb. The lord instituted Sir William de Essche, priest, to the parish church of Thurlokeston, vacant by the death of Ralph Mareschal, at the presenation of the prior and convent of Taunton.

51. 12 May, year above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord instituted Sir Henry Dunham to the church of Chiriton, vacant by the death of Peter, the last rector, pertaining to the King's presentation this time.

52. 14 May, at Wyveliscomb. The lord instituted Robert Thorynge, acolyte, to the church of Stokepirow, at the presentation of Matthew de Clivedon.

53. Litera missa domino Willelmo de Wykham.

Cum Ieshu Christi et nostra benedictione, salutem. Amice dilecte. Ut ecclesie nostre Wellen' tanto propensius applicaremus honorem quanto ministrantibus in eadem stipendia curaremus adicere meliora. Hinc est, quod pro appropriacione ecclesie parochialis de Upton Skydemor, Sarum diocesis, mense vicariorum dicte ecclesie facienda, erga nonnullos quorum interfuit frequenter institimus diligenter, et vestro si libet adjutorio, finem consequi multum speramus optatum, si literas domini nostri regis domino Saresburiensi episcopo et ejus capitulo supplicatorias dirigi procuraveritis, ut appropriacionem hujusmodi pro sustentacione dictorum vicariorum favorabiliter fieri annuant et concedant.

Quocirca vestram de quo confidimus caritatem suppliciter exoramus, presertim cum sitis honorabile membrum ecclesie nostre predicte, quatinus pro hujusmodi regiis literis supplicatoriis impetrandis favorabilius quo potestis conceptis, manus vestras apponere dignemini adjutrices. Ut vices vobis Altissimus retribuat oportunas, qui utinam vos diu custodiat felicibus incrementis.

Scriptum in manerio nostro de Wyveliscomb, xiiij° die Maii. Per episcopum Bathon' et Wellen' domino Willelmo Wykham.

54. 17 May, year above, at Wyveliscomb. The lord admitted Sir William Donekyn, priest, to the vicarage of Nyhenhude, vacant by the resignation of Sir William de Esse, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Taunton.

55. 28 May, year above, at Wyvelescomb. The lord admitted Sir John de Witteneye, priest, to the church of Holecombe, vacant by the resignation of Sir Walter de Stowe, pertaining to the presentation of the abbot and convent of Keynesham.

56. Bishop Ralph to the abbot of Glaston, to collect the subsidy of 100,000 florins in accordance with the bull of Pope Innocent vi, dated at Avinion, Kal., April, in the 10th year of his pontificate (recited in the letter of Simon, archbishop of Canterbury) from which the following extract is taken. Fol. 291.

Innocencius episcopus servus servorum Dei venerabilibus fratribus archiepiscopo Cantuariensi et episcopo Eliensi salutem, &c.

Cum carissimus in Christo filius noster Johannes rex Francie illustris quamdam pecunie summam certis de causis carissimo in Christo filio nostro Edwardo regi Anglie illustri in festo Resurectionis dominice proximo secuturo solvere teneatur, et idem rex Anglie prout nuper nobis per suas literas intimavit, ad preces nostras, concesserit deducere dictam summam centum-milium florenorum de majora summa quam in dicto festo ei debet solvere, Rex Francie prelibatus, et deinde recipere dicta centum-milia florenorum nobis debitis pro subsidio supradicto quamvis terminis solucionis faciende de ipso subsidio post festum hujus-modi sint futuri, pecunia ipsa ejusdem subsidii per nos ab eisdem prelatis et personis ecclesiasticis dicti regni terminis ad hoc per eosdem prelatos, ut dicitur, jam prefixis levetur et etiam exigatur et exacta, prefato regi Anglie in deductionem dicte summe sibi per prefatum regem Francie debite, nostro nomine, assig-netur. Quare, &c., fraternitatem vestram movemus et hortamur attente per apostolica scripta mandantes quatinus prefatum subsidium ejusdem summe centum milium boni auri et ponderis Florentie seu verum valorem ipsorum redditibus et proventibus ecclesiasticis quod obtinetis in regno predicto racionabiliter, &c., exigere et colligere studeatis, &c.

Wyveliscombe, 3 June, A.D. above.

57. Bishop Ralph to Simon, archbishop of Canterbury, or to Robert, rector of the church of St. Gregory, London, the receiver, appointed.

Fol. 292. We have received your letters, as above, which we have committed to the abbot of Glaston to execute.

Wyveliscomb, 7 June, A.D. above.

58. 9 June, A.D. 1362, at Wyveliscomb. The lord admitted Philip Courtenay, having the first tonsure, to the second portion of the church of Crukerne, in the person of Walter Broun, his proxy, at the presentation of Sir Hugh de Courtenay, earl of Devon.

Same day and place. The lord admitted Sir Robert de Sambourne, clerk, to the third portion of the church of Crukerne, [vacant] by the resignation of Philip de Courtenay, at the presentation of Sir Hugh de Courtenay.

59. 10 June, A.D. above. The lord, in his chamber at Wyveliscomb, conferred on Robert Cantilo, priest, the church of Wynford.

Present, Robert Sloo, public notary, William White, and Nicholas Spicer, clerks, and Roger Tibrighton.

60. 15 June, at Wyveliscomb. The lord instituted Sir Stephen Legge, chaplain to the vicarage of Culueton at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bath.

61. 18 June, at Wyveliscombe. The lord admitted Sir John Wodecombe to the church of Exeforde, vacant by the death of Walter Roket, at the presentation of Alice Perceuale, who was the wife of Walter de Perceuale.

62. 22 June, at Wyveliscombe. The lord conferred on Sir Simon Gydelond, priest, parish church of Henton St. George, vacant by the resignation of Sir Robert Caunteloo.

63. 27 June, at Wyveliscombe. The lord conferred on Sir Richard Palmere, priest, the parish church of Stokegiffard, vacant by the resignation of Sir Simon Gydelond.

64. 10 July, year above, at Wyvelescomb. The lord instituted Sir Robert de Sambourne, priest, in the person of William White, clerk, his proxy, to the parish church of Jeuele by reason of exchange with Sir John de Risyngdon for the parish church of Meriet at the presentation of the lord Richard, earl of Arundell.

Same day and place. The lord instituted Sir John de Risyngdon, priest, in the person of Sir John Woter, the younger, his proxy, to the parish church of Meriet by reason of exchange with Sir Robert Sambourne for the church of Jevele, at the presentation of Sir John de Meriet.

65. 11 July, at Wyveliscombe. The lord admitted Sir Richard Bogham, chaplain, to the parish church of Roubarwe, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of St. Augustine, of Bristol.

Fol. 292b. 66. I, Simon Gydelond, rector of Henton St. George, resign the church of Stokegiffard.

The said resignation was read before the lord in his chamber at Wyveliscomb. Present, John Woter, Nicholas Spicer, and William White. 10 July, A.D. 1362. And I, Roger Tybryghton, public notary.

67. I, Richard Palmere, rector of Stokgiffard, resign the vicarage of the church of Merston.

The said resignation was read in the lord's chapel at Wyveliscombe by the said Richard 12 July, A.D. above.

Present, Sir Simon Gydelond and Walter Cady. R. Sloo.

68. Bishop Ralph to the archdeacon of Wells or his official.

Abusionibus quorundam episcopos se dicentium, qui licet non missi, et officium speciale in nostra diocese, videlicet primam tonsuram et minores ordines conferendo, calices et superaltaria consecrando vestimenta ecclesiastica benedicendo ac alia hujusmodi officia episcopalia exercendo, ut lucrum extorquant temporale in nostrum opprobrium et contemptum, ac aliorum perniciosum exemplum, absque autoritate seu licencia aliqua, exercere presumunt, occurrere cupientes. Vobis in virtute sancte obediencie et sub pena excommunicationis majoris firmiter injungendo mandamus, quatinus nullum episcopum preterquam fratrem Johannem de Langebrugge, Buduensem episcopum, suffraganeum nostrum ad hujusmodi speciale officium exercendum, sine nostris literis vobis ostensis permittentibus id expresse, aliqualiter admittatis. Inhibeatis insuper et inhiberi faciatis omnibus et singulis rectoribus, vicariis et capellanis parochialibus ac aliis subditis nostris infra ambitum archidiaconatus predicti ubilibet constitutis, quibus nos etiam sub pena prescripta tenore presencium inhibemus, ne aliquos hujusmodi episcopos pretensos ad premissa quovismodo recipiant vel admittant, &c.

Datum apud Wyveliscomb, xvj die mensi Julii anno Domini millesimo cccmo lxijdo, et consecrationis nostre tricesimo tercio.

69. 27 July, year above, at Wyvelescombe. The lord conferred on John Prentane, priest, the parish church of Stanlegh, and instituted him in the same.

70. 11 July, at Wyvelescomb. The lord admitted Sir Richard Bougham, priest, to the parish church of Rouborwe, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of St. Augustine Bristol.

71. 29 July. The lord admitted Sir Philip Dauy, of Irland, priest, to the church of St. John, Ieuelcestre, at the presentation of the King.

Same day and place. The lord admitted Sir John Hullard, Fol. 293 priest, to the chantry in the chapel of the Holy Spirit within the parish of Cherleton Adam, vacant by the resignation of John Neuman, at the presentation of Sir John Beauchamp, of Lillesdon, knight.

72. Penult. day of July. The lord conferred on R g r Cordywent, chaplain, the perpetual chantry of Spekyngton, and instituted him in the same.

73. Litera missa domino episcopo Bathonensi per Johannem Power. Reverende pater et domine carissime, vestrarum pridem nobis missarum innuit series literarum quod dominus Johannes de Codyngton occasione cujusdem gracie, per sedem apostolicam sibi facte, prebendam de Doultecote in ecclesia vestra Wellensi quam nepos vester diu optinuit, noviter occupavit, et an juste vel injuste eam possideat, vobis liquere non potuit nisi ipsius titulo et ostenso. Super quo vestra paternitas obnixe nos rogavit ut veras copias acceptationis et collationis, quibus dictus dominus Johannes innititur vos habere faceremus. Unde scire velit vestra paterna benignitas quod vestri contemplatione taliter et tam efficaci instancia . . . dicto domino Johanne sumus tractati, quod ipse nostris in hac parte beneplacitis condescendens, ob vestram reverentiam cui toto cordis affectu placere desiderat, et nostre consideracionis intuitum, dictam prebendam salva sibi gracia ad proximam prebendam inibi vacaturam sibi et nulli alii de jure debitam dicto nepoti vestro liberam dimittet vacuam et etiam expeditam: pro quo nobis videtur dicto domino Johanni ad multiplicia tenemini graciarum merita et in agendis cum tempus retribucionis arriserit inpendiis propiciabilis suffragii et favoris.

In omni properacione et salvacione paternitatem vestram ad ecclesie sue regimen Omnipotens jugiter tueatur.

Scriptum London', xxi die mensis Julii.

Per vestrum Wynton'.

74. Litera missa domino per Thomam Yonge.

Reverende pater et domine. Antequam venerabiles literas vestras pro vestro recepi nepote, dominus Johannes de Codyngton, ad me personaliter accedens, super jure quod se pretendebat habere in prebenda de Doultecote, vestre paternitati non ignota, plenius informavit.. Qua informacione, licet . . . edio per me recepta, jus sibi in ipsa prebenda nullatenus conpetere, confidenter asseruit: ac quod eam sine difficultate dimitteret, consilium inpendi: quod consilium secutus jam adimplevit, quod vestro nepoti cedere potest ad honorem. Valeat vestra reverenda paternitas, &c.

Scriptum London' in festo Marie Magdalene.

75. Yconomatio ecclesie de Norton sub Hamedon.

Bishop Ralph to Sir Roger Tibrighton, rector of Lidierd St. Lawrence.

The parish church of Nortone under Hamedon has for some time been without the rule of a rector and governor. We commit power to you to collect, receive and keep the fruits, &c., pertaining to the rectory of the said church with power to sell, &c. You shall render an account every year.

Wyveliscomb, 1 Aug., A.D. 1362.

Fol. 296b 76. 9 Aug., A.D. 1362, at Wyvelescomb. The lord admitted Sir Richard Santford, chaplain, to the church of Whethull, at the presentation of William Banastre.

77. Bishop Ralph to the archdeacon of Taunton.

Nuper ad compescendam maliciam perfidorum omnes et singuli communes malefactores et pacis sancte matris ecclesie atque regni Anglie turbatores et violatores ejusdem, &c., majoris ex . . . . sententia ipso facto extiterant et adhuc sunt proinde innodati &c. Vobis in virtute oLedience firmiter

injungimus et mandamus, quatinus omnes et singulos presumptores et malefactores hujusmodi sic fuisse et esse exc . . . . singulis diebus dominicis et festivis, &c., publice sollempniter et in genere denuncietis, &c. [s. d.]

78. 18 Aug., A.D. 1362, at Wyvelescomb. The lord admitted Sir Thomas Hertelond, priest, to the parish church of Henton Bluet, by reason of exchange with Sir Adam de Wrocwardyn for the church of Montford Farlegh, which the said Thomas formerly held, at the presentation of Matthew de Bukton. Fol. 294.

Same day and place. The lord admitted Sir Adam Wrocwardyn, priest, to the church of Farleigh Montfort by reason of exchange with Sir Thomas Hertelond, at the presentation of William Banastre.

Same day and place. The lord appointed the said Thomas as *curator* and coadjutor of Robert Ross, rector of Clutton, who has lost the use of his eyes.

79. Bishop Ralph to the rector of Monketon.

We order you that you inhibit any persons, under pain of greater excommunication, that they do not intrude on the tithes or oblations pertaining to the church of Crich or dispose of the same.

Moreover, inhibit, under the same pain, any chaplains that they do not presume to administer any sacraments or sacramentals to the parishioners of the said church.

Wyvelescombe, ix Kal., Sept., A.D. 1362.

80. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph, to attend the Parliament at Westminster, on the quindene of St. Michael next to come.

Teste at Westminster, 14 Aug., in the 36th year of our reign.

81. 26 Aug., at Wyveliscomb. Licence for Thomas Moode, chaplain, to celebrate masses and other divine services in the parish church of Crych, and to administer sacraments and sacramentals to the parishioners as long as it shall please the bishop, notwithstanding any inhibition formerly made.

Same day and place. The lord admitted Sir William Fitz Sampson, priest, to the church of Chels[illegible] on the resig-

nation of Sir Richard Plusshe, at the presentation of Sir Richard de Actone, knight.

82. 3 Sep., A.D. 1362, at Wyvelescomb. Licence for William Loheryn, rector of Purloke, to study in the University of Oxford for a year.

83. John Meriet, knight, to Bishop Ralph.
Sirs Robert de Sambourne, rector of Meriet, of my patronage, and John de Risyngdon, rector of Jeuele, of your diocese, propose to exchange their benefices. I present the said Sir John to the church of Meriet, supplicating that you will deign to admit and institute him.
Lopene, 26 June A.D. 1360.

84. Richard, earl of Arundell, to Bishop Ralph.
Sir John de Risyngdon, rector of Jeuele, of my patronage, of your diocese, and Sir Robert de Sambourne, rector of Meriet, propose to exchange their benefices. I present the said Robert, to the church of Jeuele, supplicating that you will deign to admit and institute the said Sir Robert.
At our castle of Arundell, 17 April, A.D. 1360.

85. 13 Sep., A.D. 1362, at Wyveliscomb. The lord instituted Sir Thomas Martyn, priest, to the vicarage of the prebendal church of Tymbrescomb, at the presentation of Master Richard de Carleton, proxy of Sir John de Carleton, canon of Wells and prebendary of Tymbrescomb.

86. 17 Sept., at Wyveliscomb. The lord dispensed with Master John de Boclonde, rector of Hemyngton, deacon, that he might stay in the schools at Oxford for a year.

87. xiiij Kal., Oct., at Wyveliscomb. The lord conferred on Stephen Isaac, of Hulle, acolyte, in the person of William Whyte, his proxy, the church of Criket Thomas.

88. vj Kal., Oct., at Wyveliscombe. The lord conferred on Sir Roger Grene, chaplain, the perpetual chantry in the church

of Lymyngton, founded for the souls of Sir Richard Gyuerney, knight, and Matilda his wife.

89. v Kal., Oct., at Wyveliscomb. The lord instituted Sir Nicholas Canyngs, priest, to the vicarage of the church of Boklonde Dynham, vacant by the resignation of Sir John de Bradelegh, to which he was presented by Master Walter Byrecombe, canon of Wells and prebendary of Boclonde.

90. The Archdeacon of Bath to Bishop Ralph.

I have lately received your fatherhood's mandate in these words. We have received the King's writ, as appears in the other part of the folio. We warn you, and through you the whole clergy of the jurisdiction of the archdeaconry that you personally and the clergy by two proxies be present in the parliament aforesaid. Wyvelescomb, penult. day of Aug. A.D. 1362.

I will obey.

Bath, xvi Kal., Oct., A.D., above.

Like mandates were directed to the dean of Wells, and to the archdeacons of Wells and Taunton.

91. We, Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, constitute Master Thomas de Bokton and Walter de Aldebury, canon of Wells, our proxies in the parliament to be celebrated at Westminster on the quindene of St. Michael next to come.

We, Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, having been excused by the King from coming personally to his parliaments or councils for the term of our life, constitute as our proxies to appear in the parliament [as in the preceding proxy].

Wyveliscomb, 26 Sept., A.D. 1362.

92. In the name of God, amen. I, William Dreycote, burgess of Axebridge, on Tuesday next after the octaves of St. Michael, A.D. 1348, make my will in this manner. My body to be buried in the cemetery of St. John the Baptist, of Axebridge. To the high altar of the same church, *6d.* To the new bell, *40d.* To Sir Adam, the rector, for tithes forgotten, *40d.* To Sir Adam, the chaplain, *2s.* To Sir John de Wynescombe, *12d.* To the

clerk of the church, 6*d*. To Sir Elias, the chaplain, 4*s*. from a shop which Thomas Le Shopere now holds for the term of his life, to celebrate for my soul: &c., 6*s*. of annual rent annually, for the term of the lives of John Gryppe and Alice his wife, to John, my eldest son, reversion of the tenement to him and his issue for ever, failing his issue it shall remain to the next heir of my blood. To Alice, my wife, that tenement which I had of the gift and feoffment of Thomas Whyteborn, to have and to hold for the term of her life, together with that tenement called Le Stochous; after her decease I give the said tenements to
Fol. 295b. William, my son, and his issue, and if he shall die without issue, they shall revert to the next of my blood. To the same Alice 2*s*. of annual rent from the tenement of William Hotale as long as she shall live, and 2*s*. annually from the tenement of Margery Bele as long as she shall live, 2*s*. from the tenement of Richard Hotale as long as she shall live, 12*d*. from a tenement which Edward Helecock holds which I had of the gift and enfeoffment of Edith Cane. To the same Alice one "Morheya" as long as she shall live, which I had of the gift and feoffment of John Cockes, the younger, of Axebridge. To the same Alice one "Morheya" as long as she shall live, which I had of the gift and feoffment of John Temple. After the death of the said Alice all the things above said bequeathed to her shall remain to William, my son, and his issue, if he die without issue they shall remain to Elias, my son, and his issue, if he die without issue they shall remain to John, my younger son, and his issue, then to the next heir of my blood. To John, my younger son, and to his issue 9*s*. of annual rent from a tenement with one "Morheia" which John Oldeweigh and Alice his wife hold in Axebridge, and if he die without issue they shall revert to Thomas and Elias, my sons, and to their issue, and for default of their issue, to the next heir of my blood. To John, my eldest son, a house with a "Morheya" which I had of the gift and feoffment of John Lucays. To have and to hold to him and to his issue, and in default of issue it shall revert to Thomas, Elias, and John, my younger son, and their issue, and in default of such issue it shall revert to the next heir of my blood. The rent of 4*s*., after the death of Sir Elias, shall revert to Alice, my wife, and after her life (*sic*) to

William, my son, and to his issue, and in default of issue to the next of my blood. To John Henrys and Edith my daughter two cottages in la Morlane and a curtilage, called le Zuldeheys, to have and to hold to them and to the heirs between them lawfully begotten, and in default of issue they shall revert to the next heir of my blood. To John Le Reyde and Agnes his wife and to the heirs between them lawfully begotten, 2*s.* of annual rent in which they are bound to me for a cottage . . . . . To Alice my wife one "Morheya" which I had of the gift and feoffment of John Clerk (clericus) and William Godynge, after the life of Alice it shall revert to Elias, my son, and to his issue, and in default of issue it shall revert to Thomas, my son, and John, my younger son, and to their issue, and in default of their issue it shall revert to the next of my blood . . . To John, the elder, William, Elias, Thomas, John the younger, and Joan, my children, 20*s.* each . . . . To John Oldeway my best coat. To Thomas Le Sopere one coat of russet. To Master Walter 2*s.* To Robert Gostret one coat . . . . To John Spekynton one tunic . . . . Executors John Henrys, John Le Reyde, John, my eldest son, and William, my son.

Proved before the official of the archdeacon of Wells, in the parish church of Axebridge, iv Id. Nov., A.D. above.

93. 14 Oct., A.D. 1362, at Wyveliscomb. The lord instituted Sir Richard Palmere, priest, to the vicarage of the church of Brodemerschton, at the presentation of the prioress and convent of Polsloo. Fol. 296.

94. 21 Oct., at Wyveliscomb. The lord conferred on Sir Nicholas Stylard, priest, the church of Stokegiffard.

I, Nicholas Stilard, rector of Stokegiffard, resign the church of Chricheston.

Wyvelescomb, 22 Sept., A.D. 1362.

Present, Walter Bray, clerk, and Walter Trott.

R. Slo.

95. Universis presentes literas inspecturis, Radulphus missione divina Bathonensis et Wellensis episcopus, *

omnium Salvatore. Noveritis nos literas reverendi patris et domini, domini Johannis Dei gracia Exoniensis episcopi una cum literis venerabilium virorum magistrorum Johannis de Stretleye et Johannis de Harewille, et etiam quodam instrumento publico manu Johannis de London', clerici Wyntonensis diocesis, publici auctoritate apostolica notarii, confecto sanas et integras recepisse. Quarum literarum tenor talis est. Johannes miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus dilectis nobis in Christo venerabilibus et discretis viris magistris Johanni de Stretleye, legum doctori, et Johanni de Harewille, bacalario in eisdem, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Licet dudum electionem in abbatem monasterii Tauistochie, nostre diocesis et jurisdictionis, de fratre Stephano de Langedon, ejusdem monasterii monacho, per compromissum in tres monachos, quorum ipse unus erat, factam, sentencialiter ex certis causis cassaverimus. Fueritque ex parte ipsius Stephani ad curiam Cantuariensem directe ab hujusmodi pronunciacione et sententia appellatum et appellationis negocium in eadem curia introductum, ibidemque adhuc pendat indecisum. Mandatis tamen, ac beneplacitis serenissimi domini nostri principis Aquitannie et Wallie in hac parte obtemperare, quantum cum Deo possumus, affectantes: ad examinandum et discuciendum negocium electionis supradicte cum omnibus dependentibus et connexis, ipsamque electionem confirmandam vel infirmandum &c. Nostram committimus plenarie potestatem. Datum in manerio nostro de Chuddelegh, decimo die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo cccmo lxijdo et consecrationis
Fol. 296b. nostre tricesimo quinto.

Johannes de Stretlegh, legum doctor, et Johannes de Harewille, bacalarius in eisdem, venerabilis patris domini Johannis, Dei gratia episcopi Exoniensis, ad examinandam et finaliter discuciendam electionem nuper per priorem et conventum monasterii Tauistochie, Exoniensis diocesis, de fratre Stephano de Langedon in abbatem dicti monasterii electo, factam, cum omnibus dependentibus et connexio, commissarii specialiter deputati, religioso viro fratre Stephano electo dicti monasterii, vice etiam et auctoritate commissionis dicti patris nobis facte, in abbatem monasterii predicti confirmato et prefecto, salutem, &c. Ut a quocunque episcopo Cantuariensis provincie gratiam sedis apostolice et sui executionem officii obtinente munus benedic-

tionis recipere valeatis. Ut idem episcopus eandem licite vobis possit impendere auctoritate dicti patris, qua in hac parte fungimur, liberam sibi impendendi, et vobis ab eo recipiendi concedimus facultatem, &c. Datum apud Sutton, xiiij° die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo cccmo sexagesimo secundo. We bestow on the said brother Stephen de Langedon the gift of an abbot's blessing, as the custom is.

Wyveliscomb, 20 Oct., A.D. above.

A.D. 1362, 10 Oct. Masters John de Stretleye, doctor of laws, and John de Harewille, bachelor in the same, in the chancel of the church of Sutton, diocese of Exeter, admitted brother Stephen de Langedon, monk of Tavistock, as abbot of the said monastery.

Present, Masters John de Barneto, archdeacon of Essex, and Ralph de Rynghstede, canon of Exeter. And I, John de London, clerk, of the diocese of Winchester, public notary, was present.

Before you, the discreet men, I, brother Stephen de Langedon, abbot of the monastery of Tavistock, absolutely renounce any appeals, &c.

In the court of the bishop, at Wyveliscomb, 20 Oct., A.D. 1362.

Present, Master Robert Sloo, William Avenel, Richard Trante, and I, R. W. Tybrighton, public notary.

Ordinance and assignment of portions to the vicar of Crich.

96. Bishop Ralph to all the sons of the holy mother church. Fol 297. We have received the Apostolic letters in these words:—Clement, the bishop, servant of servants of God, &c. The tenour of the bull appears in the—folio of the quatern preceding at such sign ☙ We ordain that the vicar shall have the mansion of the rectory with the yards and gardens. Also all lands, meadows and feedings of the rectory of the said church, 7 acres of arable land and pasture for 8 oxen in the several demesne pastures, except what [pasture] the rectors were wont to have. Moreover the vicar shall have all tithes of hay, wool, milk, mills, fisheries, &c.

Wyveliscomb, 20 Oct., A.D. 1362.

[illegible] on f. 27 b. which makes this [illegible] on f. 29 b.]

[illegible] The Bishop, in the chapel of his [illegible] Sir Edmund Barlich, priest, to [illegible] of Christ, at the presentation of [illegible] and the convent of the same [illegible] vicar. The archdeacon of [illegible]

[illegible] day of October, because com- [illegible] the said vicar that the arch- [illegible] cause him to be inducted, [illegible] negligence of the archdeacon [illegible] the said Sir Edmund to be [illegible] of Monketon, and Robert [illegible]

[illegible] universis, frater Geraldus, [illegible] conventus, salutem in [illegible] nos, de consensu [illegible] patri et domino, [illegible] et Wellensi episcopo, [illegible] et in ministerio nostro per [illegible] inter ceteros patronos, [illegible] quamdiu, videlicet, [illegible] inter defunctos, ora- [illegible] ministerii spiritualibus [illegible] singulis annis in eras- [illegible] Pauli, hic ejus anniversarius, sub [illegible] dum vixerit, et post ejus [illegible] perpetuum celebretur. Quod- [illegible] conventus inter festa [illegible] Natalis Domini pro ipsius patris statu [illegible] post decessum ejusdem [illegible] . . . Et

F. 2. 267 [illegible] predictus, ad solvendum con- [illegible] annuatim imper- [illegible] refectione ipsius [illegible] assignata, nos et

successores nostros, de consensu et assensu conventus nostri predicti consimiliter obligamus . . .

Datum in domo nostro capitulari Montis Acuti, xxj° die mensis Octobris anno Domini cccmo lxoijdo, et consecrationis nostre xxxiiij.

Mandatum ad orandum pro serenitate aeris.

99. Bishop Ralph to the archdeacon of Taunton or his official . . . . Injungimus et mandamus, quatinus locis et temporibus presignatis ad processiones hujusmodi, excusacione cessante legittima, pie conveniant et devote, precesque fundant Altissimo ut misericordie. Dei nos cito anticipent, et avertant a populo Christiano hujusmodi pestilencias et terrores, ac aliorum premissorum, duriciam flagellorum, catholicis regnis pacem, aerisque serenitatem salubrem pro sua pietate concedat, &c.

Wyveliscomb, 4 Nov., A.D. 1362.

Like mandates to the dean of Wells, the abbot of Glaston, and the archdeacons of Wells and Bath.

100. 6 Nov., at Wyveliscomb. The lord conferred on Sir Roger Batyn, priest, the parish church of Deuelisch Willam.

101. 24 Nov., at Wyveliscomb. The lord granted to Sir Nicholas de Drayton, rector of Schepham, that he could stay in the service of Sir John de Clyvedon, knight, for a year.

102. He also granted to Sir Richard Boghan, rector of Roubarwe, to serve the cure of the said church of Schepham till the feast of the Purification and that he could celebrate twice a day.

103. He also granted to Sir Thomas Don, rector of Kyngesdon, that he could stay in the service of Sir Guy Briane for a year.

104. 25 Nov., at Wyveliscomb. The lord conferred on Sir John Lombard, canon of Wells, the houses which Master Robert Baldoke held whilst he lived. Robert Temedebury, bailiff of the liberty, to put him in seisin.

105. . . Nov., at Wyveliscomb. The lord admitted Sir Robert Taillour, to the church of Foxcote at the presentation of Sir Thomas de Kyngeston.

Fol. 298. 106. Bishop Ralph to all. Whereas we have granted to Sir John Lombard, canon of Wells, certain canonical houses in Wells, very ruinous and altogether derelict. We grant that if the said Sir John shall maintain the said houses better in his time, the said Sir John and the executors of his will shall be free from all charge and payment for repairing the said houses.
Wyveliscomb, 26 Nov., A.D. 1362.

107. 7 Dec., at Wyveliscomb. The lord instituted Sir John Southstoke, priest, to the parish church of Cherlecomb, vacant by the death of Sir Oliver, the last rector, at the presentation of Matthew de Button.

Fol. 298b. 108. 26 Dec., year above, at Wyveliscomb, at the personal request of Sir Walter Bluet, knight, the lord granted to the rector of Stanlegh, that he could celebrate at Gryndenham, and if necessary twice a day till the octaves of Easter.

109. Penult. day of Dec. Letters dimissory for William Schirrene, of Odecomb, acolyte, to all holy orders.

110. Last day in Dec., at Wyveliscomb. The lord admitted Sir William Tannere, priest, canon or brother of the house or priory of Burcle to the said priory of Burcle otherwise Spraulesmede, vacant by the death of William de Fulbroke, the last prior, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glaston, and instituted him in the same, and committed to him the care, rule and administration of the same.

111. 20 Jan., A.D. 1362, at Wyveliscomb. The lord admitted Sir Thomas Crompe, of Preston, priest, to the parish church of Cricheston, vacant by the resignation of Sir Nicholas Stilard, at the presentation of Sir James de Audelegh, lord de Rubeo Castro and Helegh, by reason of the custody of Eleanor, daughter and heir of John Lange, deceased.

112. The King's writ to Bishop Ralph.

We order you that you cause the debts underwritten to be levied from the ecclesiastical goods and benefices of the clerks underwritten. From the prebendary of Wedmour Fourth for the second year of the biennial tenth granted in the 25th year of our reign, 16*s.* From the vicar of St. Decuman for both terms of the said tenth, 18*s.* 8*d.* From the prebendary of Combe First for the second year of the same, 10*s.* 8*d.* From the vicar of St. Cuthbert for the first year of the annual tenth granted in the 30th year, 6*s.* 8*d.*

Witness, W. de Skipwith, at Westminster, 29 Nov., in the 36th year of our reign.

113. John, bishop of Exeter to Bishop Ralph.

Master Henry de Lutton, rector of Spaxton, of your diocese, and Master Robert Crosse, rector of Wytherigge, propose to exchange their benefices. The said Master Henry is presented to us for the church of Wytherigge by the prioress and convent of Canyngton. We commit our offices to your fatherhood to hear, &c., and to institute the said Henry.

Chuddeleigh, 16 Jan., A.D. 1362.

114. The dean of Molton and the rector of Estansty to John bishop of Exeter. Fol. 299

We have received the mandate of your reverend fatherhood in these words: John by divine compassion, bishop of Exeter to the dean of Molton and the rector of Estansty. Robert, rector of Wytherigge and Henry, rector of Spaxton, propose to exchange their benefices. We command you that you diligently enquire, &c.

Chuddelegh, 16 Jan., A.D. 1362.

By authority of which mandate we diligently made inquisition by the rectors and vicars of the deanery of Molton in the church of Wytherigge. Who say that the prioress and convent of Canyngton are the true patrons of the said church, &c. The presentee is free and legitimate, fitting and honest, and in the order of priesthood. The cause of the exchange on the part of the said Henry, as he publicly says, is, that there is there for the greater part dwelling near the church of Spaxston a great

lord, James de Audelegh, against whom the same Henry has just actions, &c. The cause of the exchange on the part of the Master Robert is that the cure of the church of Wytherigge "*lata est larga et periculosa*," nor can the said Robert, as he publicly says, govern and rule the cure of the church of Wytherigge according to his conscience on account of divers occupations which he has in the service of the lord bishop of Bath and Wells.

Wytherigge, 23 Jan., A.D. above.

115. Bishop Ralph to John, bishop of Exeter.

We have received your letters of commission as above. We have instituted Master Henry de Lutton to the church of Wytherigge.

Wyveliscomb, 25 Jan., A.D. above.

Fol. 299d. 116. 26 Jan., A.D. 1362, at Wyveliscomb. The lord instituted Master Henry de Lutton, priest, to the church of Wytherigge, diocese of Exeter.

Same day and place he admitted Master Robert Crosse, priest, to the church of Spaxston at the presentation of Sir James de Audelegh.

117. Bishop Ralph to the official of the archdeacon of Wells.

We received the mandate of Simon, archbishop of Canterbury, on the 19th day of Jan. last, past containing the form within written, Simon, &c. Sane communis ad nos querela perduxit et magistra rerum experiencia manifestat, quod moderni temporis sacerdotes adeo jam cupiditatis et acidie vicio infecerunt quod stipendiis racionabiliter non contenti pro labore salaria vendicant et recipiunt excessiva. Salutariumque laborum spretis exerciciis adeo delicatis student voluptatibus, quod ecclesiis vel capellis parochialibus et curis animarum deservire seu intendere, tanquam parochiales presbiteri etiam oblatis sibi congruis salariis recusant penitus et contempnunt, &c., in virorum ecclesiasticorum detestabile scandalum et exemplum perniciocissimum laicorum. Huic igitur morbo pestifero mederi salubriter et celeriter cupientes de fratrum nostrorum consilio et assensu statuimus et ordinamus, quod capellani annualia celebrantes et ceteri

curam animarum non intendentes, quinque marcas; ecclesiis vero seu capellis parochialibus et curae eisdem imminenti officiantes, sex marcas, pro suis stipendiis annuis debeant contentari nisi locorum diocesani propter amplioris parochie solicitudinem vel aliam causam legitimam aliter pro suo arbitrio duxerint ordinandum &c., Datum apud Lambeth, Kal., Dec., A.D. 1352.

We order that you publish the said constitutions and mandates in all churches and chapels within the jurisdiction of your archdeaconry.

Wyveliscomb, 16 Feb., A.D. above.

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NOTES ON THE DOCUMENTS

IN THE

REGISTER OF RADULPHUS DE SALOPIA,

Bishop of Bath and Wells.

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1. This demand by the archbishop of a stall for his nominee was by way of a fee for the consecration of a suffragan and in later times was called "an option." Line 6 from bottom, read "ecclesie" and "dilecti." Lawrence Fastolf, *cf.* No. 9.
2. Thomas Crist or Christi was appointed prior of Bath, 1332. The manor of Cameley was bought by the Convent of Bath in 1153. *Cf.* Hunt's *Bath Chartularies, Linc. Inn MSS.*, 190.
3. Walter de Burton was canon of York, rector of Cuxham, subdean of Wells, and vicar of Chew Magna. Aulton was Bishop Drokensford's butler.
4. Probably someone at the papal court.
6. William de Exonia, M.A., master of medicine and bachelor of theology, provided by pope at King's request with a canonry at Exeter. *P. Reg.* Avign. 17 Kal. Jan. 1331, 1 Id. Ap. 1331. Any dignity short of episcopal in cath. ch. 7 Id. Aug., 1334. Preb. of Rikale in York Cath. He was Queen Philippa's physician. John de Iford, afterward prior of Bath, *cf.* Hunt's *Bath*, lxiii.
7. This Inventory was probably made on Aug. 18, before Ralph's consecration.
9. Lawrence Fastolf, dean of S. Chad's, Shrewsbury, canon of Chichester, *P. Reg.* 2 non. Nov. 1327. Also Canon of London, ambassador to Benedict XII, 1336. For Dogmersfeld *cf.* Hunt's *Bath*, ii, 55, *n.*
12. The bishop's answer to the King's demand for a benefice for Richard de Barwe, *cf.* No. 13.
13. Richard de Barwe, queen's chaplain, canon of All Saints, Derby, and S. Mary's, Warwick, *P. Reg.*, Id. June, 1329.
15. *Cf. Wells' Cath. MSS.*, 98, 99. They were sent Oct. 23, and his receipt, Nov. 13.
16. Clutton.
17. Stokehurci=Stoke-courcy, hodie Stogursey.
18. Michael de Eston, receiver to Bishop Drokensford, Hobhouse's *Drok.*, 72, 142, Succentor of Wells, 1320.
19. Henton monachorum—Hinton Charterhouse.
21. This must be a mistake for Philip Bernardini, *cf.* Hobhouse's *Drok.*, 246, 286.

22. The Berkeleys were the founders. Robert Fitzhardinge founded a house of Austin Canons here, 1142.
23. Roger de Aston, B.C.L. Provided with prebends at Shrewsbury and Hereford, *P. Reg.*, 9 Kal., Dec. 1329.
27. Bokeland—Buckland Dinham near Frome.
29. Compton Dundon, Alan de Hotham was prebendary, Hobhouse's *Drok.*, 279. Geoffrey de Edyngton was instituted, 2 Kal., Ap. 1329, and still held it.
31. Henry de Iddesworthe, canon of Lincoln, one of the papal commissioners to inquire into marriage of John, Earl of Hereford, and Margaret Basset, *P. Reg.*, 1334.
32. Oct. 14, 1329.
35. Kytinare—Culbone.
36. A. de B., *i.e.*, Adam de Brome, *cf.* Lyte's *Oxford*, 141. T. de G., *i e.* Thomas de Gloucester. Line 5 from end read, "sic" for "sit" and "sententiam" for "sententium."
40. In illa Curia—*i.e.* in that Parliament. Line 2 from end read "suo" for "sua." Next page, line 6, read "sancti" and line 13, "dictam."
41. Card. bishop of La Sabina, *i.e.* Vilelmus de Godin, William, ii, Peter 1317–1336.
42. Corscoumbe, *i.e.* Croscombe.
43. Was this some benefactor in earlier days of Bishop Ralph or some relation of the archdeacon of Taunton?
48. The Emperor Lewis of Bavaria had promoted the election of the Franciscan, Peter Raynalducci of Corbario as pope in Rome under the title of Nicholas V on account of the absence of John xxii at Avignon.
49. *Cf.* Church's *Wells*, p. 305. *Wells Cath. MSS.*, 99.
50. John de Elmham, preb. of S. Paul's. He died 1331, *cf. Cal. Pat. Rolls.* 5 Ed. iii, p. 198.
51. Ceden—Cheddon Fitzpayne.
52. Sir John Matravers, *i.e.* the patron.
53. Simon de Bristol was made Chancellor 1337, *cf. Wells' MSS.* Gilbert de Middelton was dean of the Court of Arches and canon of Wells, *cf.* Hobhouse's *Drok.* 9, 49, 142, and *Wells' MSS.*, p. 79.
54. Blakedon—Blagdon.
57. John de Mathelfield, vicar of Ilton, had been appointed by the prebendary in 1326, *cf.* Hobhouse's *Drok.*, p. 260.
58. He had not yet received papal confirmation, and could not command the obedience of the clergy or of his tenants. This was issued 3 Kal. June, 1330. 14 John xxii, *cf. P. Reg.*, 319.
64. This was granted by the clergy in decanal chapters, and seems to have been paid with reluctance, *cf.* Hobhouse's *Drok.*, 273, 297; Church's *Wells*, 311.
68. *Cf.* Hobhouse's *Drok.*, p. 291.
69. *Cf.* No. 6.
71. Charlton Canfield or Horethorne.
72. Mynchin Buckland was the only house of sisters attached to the Order of Knights Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem in England. It was founded *circ.* 1180. There had been here a priory of Austin Canons. Kynemersdon, *i.e.* Kilmersdon.
76. P. 21, line 16, read "Romana." "Manus" seems necessary after "portitorum."

83. W. de Hulle was subdean. The fruits of vacant benefices had been given by William de Marchia, and confirmed by J. Drokensford to the support of the *novum opus* of the cathedral church of Wells.

90. Bradstone, near Tavistock.

94. The Moeles or Molis were lords of North and South Cadbury. His daughter Muriel carried the manors into the Courtney family, *cf.* Collinson, ii, p. 66.

100. Thomas de Gaston, rector of Over, near Cambridge. Provided by John xxii, at request of Queen Isabella, whose clerk he was. *Calendar Papal Registers*, vol. ii, p. 292. Gaston had been rector of Misne in Yorkshire. He obtained also a stall at Beverley, Lichfield, Salisbury and Lincoln.

101. As the archbishop claimed from their suffragans, a piece of patronage as a fee for consecration, so the bishops claimed from the abbies, &c., a nomination to some office on occasion of their first visitation. Cannyngton was founded in 1138 by Robert de Curci for Benedictine nuns, *cf.* Hugo's *Nunneries of Somerset.*

104. Causes "ad instanciam" contrast with causes "ex officio" or "ex mero motu." These powers belonged properly to the Official General and now to the Chancellor.

105. Rector of Alvechurch, 1318, *cf. C.P.R.*, vol. ii, p. 171, canon and archdeacon of Salisbury. This provision is dated Avignon, 5 Id. Oct., 1328. He was also canon of Lichfield.

136. *Cf.* Hobhouse's *Drokensford*, p. 23, for assessment.

107. This was Sir John Perceval, who held the manors of Eastwell in Carhampton, Butcombe, Thrubwell, and Clewer. He married Millicent, d. of Laurence de St. Maur, who brought him a moiety of the manor of Weston in Gordano. *Collinson* iii, 173. John Talbot was probably one of the Talbots of Heathfield.

110. *Cf. Proceedings Somerset Archæological Society*, vol. xxvi, part ii, p. 64.

112. Henry, Earl of Lancaster, was the son of Edmund, Earl of Chester, and grandson of Henry III. He had restored to him in 1327 the earldoms of his brother Thomas, who was beheaded at Pontefract, 1321.

114. Kylue, *i.e.*, Kilve.

115. Probably the bishop dare not seek enthronement until he had received papal confirmation, nor demand his knights' fealty or attendance.

116. South Cheriton was a free chapel in the parish of Horsington.

117. John de Ilford was elected prior, 1340.

118. William de Haukesbury was one of the electors of Ralph de Salopia, *cf.* Hunt's *Bath*, ii, 338.

121. *William ii Petrus*, bishop of Sabina (Vilermus de Godin), legate in Spain. Died at Avignon, 1317–1336.
Peter iv de Prez, bishop of Palestrina ; died at Avignon, 1323–1361.
Peter de Reblay, bishop of Porto. A Norman. 1328–1329.
Jocelyn de Ossa, bishop of Albano. A Frenchman. 1330–1348.
Bertrand de Monte Favencio, card.-deacon, St. M. in Aquiro.
Lucas de Flisco, card.-deacon, St. M. in Via Lata.
Raymund de Fargis, card.-deacon, St. M. Nova.
Neapolio, card.-deacon of St. Hadrian.
Peter de Campis, card.-priest, St. Martin in Montibus.

Line 7, p. 30, jurisperitorum and Anglie.

133. P. 36, line 24, read "sancti" for "sancto," and "pape" for "papi."

140. Lamzete = Lamyat, near Evercreech.
141. *I.e.*, on entrance of his see.
143. P. 37, line 6 from end, innocentem.
P. 38, line 7 from end, read "Ieronimi": p. 39, line 6, "sacre" for "sacro," singulii, *i.e.*, singularis.
Cardinal Tituli SS. Johannis et Pauli, *i.e.*, Matheus Ursini.
144. *Cf.* Weaver's *Som. Incumbents*, Puckington.
153. *Cf.* Hingeston-Randolph's *Reg. Grandisson* i, 561. For "Oxford" read "Exeter."
155. John de Grandisson, bishop of Exeter 1327–1369. He spent most of his time in the diocese of Exeter, *cf.* Hingeston-Randolph's *Reg. Grand.*, vol. i, p. 561.
159. Ouerstauweye, *i.e.*, Over Stowey.
157. The rector of Kilve had evidently been seen with the tonsure and in lay clothes *cf. Const. Otho*, 1236. Quoniam de habitu and Othobon., 1268 tit. 5. Cum Sancti Evangelii, and Const. Peckham, 1281. De habitu clericali, also Const. Clement V (in Council of Vienne, 1311), iii–i. Quoniam qui ablectis vestibus proprio congruentibus ordini alias assumere et in publico portare . . . . presumit . . . . si beneficiatus extiterit per sex menses a perceptione fructuum beneficiorum quæ obtinet sit eo ipso suspensus, &c. It goes on to condemn clerics who wear secular hats and red or green shoes. *Cf. Council Trident.* Sess. xiv. c. vi.
163. Syresham, near Brackley, Northamptonshire.
168. Commesit, read commisit, *cf.* Reynold's *Wells' Cathedral*, pp. 31, 104. In cena domini nona cantata eat processio ad ostium ecclesie occidentale sicut in capite jejunii. In the second extract red vestments are prescribed for the bishop and deacons. *Cf.* also the offices De expulsione publice poenitentium ab ecclesia in feria quarta cinerum and De reconciliatione in the *Pontificale Romanum.*
172. Thomas de Pontesbury was appointed vicar of Over in diocese of Ely by the Crown. *Pat. Rolls*, 6 Ed. iii, p. 333, and 7 Ed. iii, p. 405. This request is entered wrongly in Grandisson's Register as Thomas de Butesbury, *cf.* Hingeston-Randolph's *Reg. Grand.*, vol. i, p. 562.
182. Because the bishop was going to Avignon. John de Eglescliff was bishop of Llandaff 1324–1347. He had been bishop of Connor.
183. Perhaps junctis manibus is the more usual phrase.
187. Claverham in the parish of Yatton, *cf.* Hobhouse's *Drok.*, p. 278. William de Sor, the former rector, had been blind, and John Yoly of Blagdon had been appointed his deputy.
205. Burnet, near Keynsham.
206. Enmore, near Bridgwater.
213. Raymund de Sancto Pabulo. A Spaniard, card.-priest.
211. For "Sabrinenses" read "Sabinensis," line 4. Jacobus Gaietanus Card. Deacon, Tit. Sti. Georgii ad Velum Aureum.
212. Supply "que" between "ecclesiastica and habet," line 15.
214. "Rex Anglie," line 4. In line 6 the more usual word is "præstatione" and line 7 read "exigenda" for "exigendam."
220. For 1350 read 1330.
223. For "Weiyton" read "Welynton."
231. Nicholas Cronke, rector of Hinton, Charterhouse.
232. John de Elmham, *cf. Pat. Rolls*, 5 Ed. iii, p. 198.
238. For "Wemborn" read "Wembdon."

244. *Cf. Bishop Norbury's Register*, fol. 44 a. *C.P.R.*, vol. ii, pp. 414, 502. The demand was for three years. Gyuelton, *i.e.* Yeovilton.
Stoke Giffard was the parish adjoining the bishop's manor and park of Westbury.
257. King's recognition of bishop's attornies to act in the bishop's absence in the King's court, *cf. Pat. Rolls*, 4 Ed. iii, p. 27, 28.
258. For "Die" read "Dei."
259. Wyly near Heytesbury, Wilts.
263. For "faus" read "fons."
264. The prebendary of Redcliffe seems to have considered it necessary to obtain permission of his diocesan before obeying this mandate to attend the Sarum chapter.
273. Skylegate, *i.e.* Skilgate near Wiveliscombe.
277. Appeal from the sub-dean's court to the bishop's, not to the consistory court.
278. "Fermiter," more usually "firmiter." Weare is divided into the two hamlets of Upper or Over and Lower or Nether Weare. The parish church which is in Upper Weare is dedicated to S. Gregory or S. George. Nether Weare was a place of some importance at this time, and this chapel seems to have been built here and not to have been part of the parish church, *cf.* Hobhouse's *Drok.*, p. 277, Collinson, i, 184.
279. *Cf.* John Worm, the hermit of Glastonbury, No. 934. For a general account of the hermits of the time, *cf.* Dr. Simpson's *St. Paul's and Old City Life*, p. 217, and the life of Richard Rolle, the hermit of Hampole. There were many in Somerset, and traditions tell of their existence at Axbridge, Berrow and Crewkerne, and many other places. Some were inclusi but not all. *Cf.* Dean Stephen's *Dioc. Hist. of Chichester* and the ordinances of St. Richard of Wych concerning them. See also the case of Sybilla de Ford of Twerton, No. 1132.
282. *Cf.* Peckham's Const. Council of Lambeth, 1281. One confessor for each deanery, Clause ix. Licet a sanctis patribus, Lyndwood. Appendix, p. 28. *Cf.* also *Boniface* viii, *Extra. Com.* iii, tit. vii, cap. 2. Frome for that deanery, Evercreech for Cary deanery, Goathhill for Merston Deanery, Bridgwater for that deanery, Selworthy for Dunster deanery, Thornfalcon for Taunton deanery, South Petherton for Crewkerne deanery, Cheddar for Axbridge deanery, Templecombe probably for the Ilchester deanery. No deanery in the archdeaconry of Bath is mentioned, so that probably the list is imperfect. The peculiars of Bath and Wells, and the churches of the jurisdiction of Glastonbury, would naturally be omitted.
288. For "villeneige" read "villenage."
290. Perhaps the John Jene who was vicar of Burnham, 1349.
296. *Cf.* No. 110.
298. Bromton, *i.e.* Brympton near Yeovil.
304. He was provided by the pope with a canonry at Crediton, in addition to this stall at Wells. *Cf. Cal. Pap. Reg.* p. 193 and 329, 4 and 15 John xxii.
313. Montalt or Mold, Flintshire, Bishop David ap Blethyn, 1315–1352.
322. Thomas, Earl of Lancaster, was captured at the battle of Boroughbridge, in arms against Edward ii, on March 16, 1322, and was executed at Pontefract, March 22. Within a year rumours began to spread of miracles wrought at his tomb, and in the first year of Ed. iii, the Commons petitioned for his canonisation. Protection with *clause rogamus* was granted to Robert de

Weryngton and Simon de Sartrina of Pontefract collecting alms for this chapel. Sept. 16, 1332. *Pat. Rolls*, 6 Ed. iii, p. 334. Rymer *Fœd.* 14, 421.

324. This incident gives us evidence of the unpopularity of the archbishop's visitation. *Cf.* Hingeston-Randolph's *Reg.* of Bishop Grandisson, June, 1332. The cathedral church was closed and Grandisson appealed to the pope and the Crown stept in and put an end to the visitation, *cf.* Hook's *Archbishops*, iii, 506, *Ang. Sac.* 1, 18.

For "Galston" read "Glaston," last line.

326. p. 80, line 9 from bottom, "familiaris noster."

327. *Cf.* Rymer's *Fœd*, iv, 411, 454. Richard de Leigh is described as of the diocese of Worcester, and obtains provision of a benefice in gift of the monastery of Gloucester, 6 Kal., Oct., 1331. *Cal. Papal Letters*, p. 365.

332. *Cf.* 362.

333. Marnhull was part of the great Glastonbury estate of Sturminster Newton.

334. Hotham near Market Weighton, Yorkshire.

337. Sele Monachorum, near Chumleigh, Devon.

344. John de Barton lived in Winscombe parish.

345. Weston and Burrow in the parish of Kingsbury. The rectory was the prebend of the chancellorship.

347. For Tymbresberne read Tymbresberue.

349. Whethull, *i.e.* Wheathill near East Lydford.

355. *Cf.* Hobhouse's *Drok.*, 163, Milborne Wick. Inq. post mortem, 2 Ric. ii, there is an Alicia, wife of Will'us Guldene of Mulbornport. The Guldenes were of Langton, co. Dorset. Collinson ii, 369, *cf.* 642.

356. This of course refers to 1332. On the short priorship of Robert de Sutton, *cf.* Hunt's *Bath*, p. lxiii.

36c. This was first made by Bishop Walter Haselshaw, 1302. Bishop Drokensford commuted the grant to a money payment of 100*s.*, *cf.* Hobhouse's *Drok.*, p. 99.

362. *Cf.* 332. The Fitzpayns were of Okeford Fitzpayn and Stogursey, whcih explains the archbishop's letter to Ralph and his reply. Sir Robert and his wife Ela are mentioned in an action for assault, July 16, 1332, *Pat. Rolls*, 6 Ed. iii, p. 352, *cf.* also *Pat. Rolls*, 7 Ed. iii, p. 394, and No. 1329, Margery La Fitzpayn's Oratory at Churchill.

366. Second line read "venerabili."

375. John Stodlegh is called the King's sergeant, Jan. 21, 1333. *Cf. Pat. Rolls*, p. 385.

391. Wottone, *i.e.* Wootton Courtney.

394. Cricheston, *i.e.* Christon.

395. Morton is a tithing in the parish of Compton Martin. The Martins succeeded John de Morton.

397. The Hautevilles were of Norton Hauteville, a hamlet of Norton Malreward. This Sir Geoffrey seems to have been the last. *Cf.* Collinson ii, 107.

399. The order of the brethren of Bethlehem settled first, 1257, at Cambridge, according to Matthew Paris. He tells us that they wore a red star on their cape with five rays and adds that there are so many orders of brethren now in England that there was a most extraordinary confusion amongst them. *Cf.* Bohn's *Trans.*, vol. iii, p. 231. Shropham is in Norfolk, not far from Thetford.

400. This is in accordance with the constitution "Super cathedram."

405. Robert Wyvil, Bishop of Salisbury, 1330–1375.

408. Esgarstone, *i.e.* East Garston in Berkshire, and then in the Sarum diocese.
409. For "John de Sutton" read "Robert de Sutton."
412. Wydeshan, *i.e.* Biddisham. Whitchurch Canonicorum given by Bishop Robert of Sarum and Bishop Joscelyn to the support of the canons of Sarum and Wells. This is probably a note entered by order of the bishop subsequent to his visitation of the cathedral church.
413. A general licence such as this is somewhat rare. William Artur attests a document in 1318, *cf. Wells' MSS.*, p. 89.
416. Insert comma after Avisio; for Guygo de St. German, *cf. Cal. Pap. Reg.*, 6 John xxii, p. 223, and Hingeston-Randolph Grandisson's *Reg.* under date. I cannot find Didesham, and if he was priest at Biddisham, he would not be called rector.
425. For R. de Kynardslegh, *cf.* Hunt's *Bath*, ii, 344.
429. The result of the visitation. The treasurer was Canon R. de Thistledon, *cf.* Wilkins' *Conc.* ii, 554, and the Council of 1322 under Archbishop W. Reynolds. Prepositura here seems to refer to the office of sacristan or treasurer. For "Wellen" read "Wellensis," and "Londonia," "Londonie."
431. Sampford Orcas near Sherborne.
432. Line 9 from bottom, for "heredis" read "hereditatis." Top of next page read "vobis" for "uobis."
433. For the law concerning these licenses, *cf.* Boniface viii, Sexti Decret. lib. 1, tit. vi, c. 34.
436. Line 5, read "domini," line 8, "Archiepiscopus," line 21, "ecclesiasticum," p. 104, line 7 from end, "quatinus."
441. Horspath, near Cuddesdon, Oxfordshire. Henry Burwash, Bishop of Lincoln, 1320–1342.
446. A canon with only the tonsure.
449. Bindus de Bandinellis. Canon of Fiesole, *Cal. P. Reg.*, 12 Kal., Ap. 1317, Avignon, vol. ii, p. 143.
For "secundem" read "secundum."
450. *Cf.* no. 446.
458. For "Affetone" read "Affatone" on line 5 of section.
465. The registry was now a distinct office in charge of a Registrarius.
466. Deeds of assignment of patronage are rarely found in episcopal Registers. This probably owes its place here to the fact of its containing a revocation.
468. Croscombe near Wells. The name of this rector does not occur in Weaver's *Incumbents*, *cf.* No. 768.
469. This constitution "Super cathedram" is constantly referred to. Boniface viii. A.D. 1300. Extrav. communes Lib. iii, Tit. vii, cap. 2, in ecclesiis autem pariochialibus fratres illi nullatenus audeant vel debeant prædicare vel proponere Verbum Dei nisi fratres predicti a parochialibus sacerdotibus invitati fuerint vel vocati, &c.
470. Third line read "confratres."
472. The Hautevilles were lords of Norton Hauteville, a sub-manor of Chew. He probably carried off game but it is not stated.
479. Summons for the assembly of decanal chapters.
480. After Marie insert "et," *cf.* Church's *Wells*, p. 124.
481. Matthew Pecche was the grandson of Sabina Pecche, hereditary forester of the Somerset forests.
483. Line 6, Andream.

484. Willelmi de Ludelowe.
485. The Gurneys held one of the manors of West Harptree, *cf. Pat. Rolls*, 5 Ed. iii, p. 89. For the family of Gournay and its fortunes, *cf.* Collinson ii, 139, and iii, 588. p. 120, line 7, read "custodes," line 12, "ecclesiastice," line 18, "ecclesia," line 20, "violencie," and at end read "Land: *i.e.* Landav," for "Lank."
486. Read xxiii for xxliii.
487. *Cf.* Lyndwood's Provinciale Lib. iii, Tit. 4, p. 131. De clericis non residentibus.
488. Pundyngton, *i.e.* Poyntington.
489. Line 2, read "domino" for "domine."
490. For "comperentes" read "comparentes," and p. 124, line 2, the sense seems to demand "absolvendos" for "absolutos."
491. Read "contingentibus" and "contingere."
498. Read "Bathoniensium."
505. For "Schupkam" read "Schupham," *cf.* No. 484.
508. Domicellus, *i.e.*, a small squire, generosus. A common word in xvth century registers but just now coming into use.
509. This was the official residence of the hereditary forester of the shire, the Peche family at this time. It was in N. Petherton forest.
In line 3 from end, p. 129, read "coram." On page 130, line 13, read "tertii sexto" for "sexto."
510. Second line, read "Christianam," and line 8 "incedendo" for "incedenda."
511. Montford of Farleigh, Hungerford.
512. Gaucelin, bishop of Albano, not Albany, *cf.* no. 495. On irregular ordination *cf.* Stephen Langton. 1222. De eo qui furtivé Ordines recepit. Lyndwood, p. 309, Lib. v, Tib. ii.
515. William de Barton was rector not lector of Kelston, *cf.* No. 521. Ecclesia Ilerdensis, *i.e.*, Lerida.
520. Litera, *i.e.*, bedding.
521. William de Barton.
522. Prischtun, *i.e.*, Priston, near Bath.
523. Philip de Weston, rector of Marston Bigot.
525. Line 5 read "consuetudine."
529. Richard de Bury is better known as bishop of Durham, and the founder of the great library there. He was the author of *Philobiblion*, *cf. Ang. Sac.* i, 763.
530. Perhaps this should read "dilectis . . . . filiis" instead of the singular.
532. For the cases reserved to the bishop, *cf.* Const. Edmund Rich, 1234. In confessione habeat Sacerdos, &c., Lyndwood, p. 329, Lib. v, Tit. 16; and note also those of John Peckham, p. 341, Lib. v, Tit. 16. Licet a sanctipatribus jampridem.
545. Fourth line read "scolari" for "scolare."
546. Robert de Rocteley was the vicar and the licence was granted because there were also rectors of Yeovil; at this time John de Rysyndon.
551. Churches were bound to be consecrated within the year of their erection, *cf. Constitutions of Otho*, 1236, Tit. 1. Basilicarum dedicatio and of Othobon, 1267, Tit. 3. Domus Dei materiali subjecto.
553. First line read "secundos" for "secundus," *cf.* Lyndwood's *Prov. Book*, i, Tit. 7, p. 44 and book iv, Tit. 3, p. 274.
557. The tonsure conferred freedom, being a transfer to a new and incompatible obedience. For "nayuitate" read "nativitate."

558. For John de Say of Mertok, *cf. C.P. Rolls*, Nov. 20, 1331, p. 237.
561. *Cf.* supra and Lyndwood, p. 329, Const. S. Edmund.
564. Allyngford, *i.e.*, Alford, of which the Raleghs were squires.
566. Fourth line for "constitura" read "constituta," and twelfth line "absolvit" for "obsolvit."
567. For "Brynton" read "Bryuton," last line.
575. For law against clandestine marriages, *cf.* Const. Simon Mepeham, Lyndwood, 266, Lib. iv, Tit. 3. Quia ex contractibus matrimonialibus absque bannorum editione. His name does not occur in the *Cal. Papal Letters.*
576. Michelstoke, *i.e.*, Stoke S. Michael or Stoke Lane, near Doulting.
577. Hugh de Horwode must have been Commissary pro hâc vice.
582. *Cf.* Church's *Wells*, p. 317.
587. Adam de Orleton, bishop of Worcester, was translated to Winchester by papal provision, Dec. 1, 1333. He obtained a protection writ for going abroad on the King's service, Oct. 20, 1333, *cf. Pat. Rolls*, 7 Ed. iii, p. 472.
588. Robert Wyville, bishop of Salisbury. He went abroad April 8, 1333, *cf. Pat. Rolls*, 7 Ed. iii, part 1, m. 12. For "archidiacone" read "archidiacono."
596. For "ve" read "vel."
599. Crucchestone, Brome, and Berghes, *i.e.*, Christon, Brean, and Berrow.
607. For "cathedra" read "cathedram," and *cf.* earlier reference to this constitution.
608. A testimonial for a pilgrimage or travelling purposes.
610. For "fratrem ordinis" read "fratrum ordinis," and for "cathedra" read "cathedram."
614. Cothelstone, now a parish church and vicarage. For "quaminus" read "quominus, and for "ecclesia" line 2, read "ecclesie."
619. Sir H. de Courtenay was squire of West Coker.
623. Forton, near Newport, Shropshire.
625. Henry, earl of Lancaster and Leicester, was steward of England at the time.
626. Speckington in Yeovilton, *cf.* Green's *Chantries*, pp. 114, 299.
627. Adam Tonge was chaplain of Joan, queen of Scotland, and by papal provision gained a benefice from the Westminster Convent, *C.P.L.* vi Id. Nov., 1330, p. 334.
Omit comma between statuta and patrum.
630. Libera familia, *i.e.*, no bondmen.
633. *Cf.* plea and fine concerning this grant, Hunt's *Bath* ii, 786, 787.
634. Gules of August, *i.e.*, August i, Fest. S. Peter ad vincula, the touch of whose chain cured the disease in the *throat* of a Roman lady, *cf.* Durand, *Rat. Div.*, lib. vii, cap. 19.
642. Wyke, *i.e.*, Milborne Wick, *cf.* 355.
647. It is difficult to account for this entry. Perhaps in reference to some visitation.
648. *Cf.* No. 529.
649. The prior of Studley, *i.e.*, the priory of Austin Canons, in Warwickshire.
651. The Ryvers had a seat at Severy's wyke or Sewardswick, in the parish of C. Dando, near Keynsham, *cf.* Collinson, vol. ii, 422.
652. P. 162, bottom line, read "voluntatem" for "volentatem."
667. *Cf. Introduction on the Deans of Wells.* This date must be wrong or else this was a second election.
672. Stoclonde, *i.e.*, Stockland Bristol, near Bridgwater.
673. For "ed" read "et."
674. *Cf.* Rymer's *Fœdera*, iv, 596. Last line read "nuncietis."

677. This small fief reverted to the bishop as overlord by failure of heir.
685. The Sansavers were squires of Spargrove in the parish of Batcombe. The chapel and cure of souls were reunited to mother church in reign of Elizabeth.
686. Line 5 of Latin read "Johannam" for "Johannem," and the next line "Elizabethe" for "Elizabetha," and line 14 "curia" for "cura," and line 17, "consanguinitatis. Perhaps for "se" we should read "sic."
687. Kokelyngton, *i.e.*, Cucklington, near Wincanton.
688. Bikenalre, *i.e.*, Bicknoller. Hiwyssch, *i.e.*, Huish or Lodhuish. Line 8 for "octa" read "octo."
691. The college for five priests and the chantry at Stoke-sub-Hamdon was founded by John de Beauchamp, *Pat. Roll*, 7 Ed. ii, part 2, m. 2, according to Collinson iii, 315. For "octa" read "octo."
692. Minstreworth, near Gloucester. Souweye, *i.e.*, Middlezoy.
693. The movement against the alien priories.
694. Stanrewicke, *i.e.*, Standerwick, near Frome.
695. For "warder" read "warden."
696. *Cf.* No. 734.
697. Line 11, read "mutetur" for "mutatur."
698. Simon de Fareweye was afterwards vicar of Chilton.
702. The word acolyte refers to Thomas.
707. The bishop had instituted a commission to inquire into the revenues of the Burnham vicarage, *cf. Wells MSS.* 171, Nov. 6, 1334.
717. John Forman had already held the rectories of East Lydford and Croscombe.
719. This public testimony was clearly in view of some prevalent calumnies.
721. Littleton, *i.e.*, Stowey Littleton in the parish of Wellow.
722. For "noscatur" read "noscitur."
723. In bracket read 720 for 719.
728. "Dungate" read "Dunyate," near Ilm nster.
734. *Cf.* Hobhouse's *Drok.*, p. 287. Godfrey de Duc was appointed April, 1328.
742 P. 185, line 9, "uxoris" for "uxore"; p. 186, line 5, "Johannes" for "Johannis." P. 186, line 6, for "contariam" read "cantariam."
747. Wotton, *i.e.*, Wootton Courtney.
748. Weaver reads, "W. de Wychausen" but wrongly. It will be found that on several occasions I have differed from my friend Mr. Weaver in regard to the names of Incumbents. My difference is, however, with the readings in the Archer transcript, and not with Mr. Weaver, who does not pretend to have verified all the readings in his MSS. The lord of Exeter, *i.e.*, Dom William de Exon, who had been appointed May 15, 1315, *cf.* Hobhouse's *Drok.*, p. 85.
750. *Weaver's MSS.* read Robert de Arturlegh, but wrongly.
751. Peter de Berkeleye, King's clerk. He had received a grant of the prebend of Horton, at Salisbury, but this was revoked; *Pat. Rolls*, Ed. iii, Dec. 8, 1330 Jan. 1, 18, 1331, Oct. 7, 1331.
755. For "Welle" read "Wellie."
768. *Cf.* 468. The name is not in Weaver's List.
769. *Cf.* No. 1098. For "Breynton" read "Greynton."
777. A house of Benedictine nuns in Oxfordshire.
778. For "Culborne" read "Culbone."
784. S. Margaret, virgin and martyr, July 20. Line 3 precessores in the MSS., line 8 for "fibris" read "febris," line 12 for "redere" read "reddere."
786. "Brikeheke" is of course meant for "Brikebeke."

787. For "diocesie" read "diocese."
788. Line 3 for "contente" read "contenti," and first line on next page, "dormitoriis" for "dormitoris," and fifth line of second paragraph read "plurime" for "plurume," and fourth line "sive" for "sue."
796. William de Langebrugh was rector of Standerwick, a benefice afterwards united to Beckington.
811. Wedergrave died rector of Maperton.
824. Line 2 for "Aquitandie" read "Aquitannie."
837. Pederton, *i.e.*, North Petherton.
844. Shepham, *i.e.*, Shipham.
848. Chilbolton, near Andover, Hants.
856. Probably Bredon in Leicestershire.
864. Gerle = Gueldres, *cf.* for patent to negotiate their marriage with Reinald de G., Oct. 20, 1331, *Pat. Rolls*, 5 Ed. iii, p. 181.
873. Bottom line for "V.S." read "v.s.," and fifth line next page for "Tolnero" read "tolneto."
888. Berghby, *i.e.*, Berughby, Linc. Dioc., *cf.* Hobhouse's *Drok.*, p. 283.
892. Rayner de Cotom, rector of Hinton St. George.
893. *Cf.* Rymer's *Fœdera* iv, 628. The date there is October 23.
Line 7 for "furam" read "furiam."
900. Lanwaynard, probably Llanwenarth, near Abergavenny, Monmouthshire.
912. *Cf.* Rym. *Fœd.* iv, 651, where it is dated June 18, to the Archbishop of Canterbury.
913. "Chetescumbe" perhaps "Chetscombe" in Down St. Mary, Devon.
914. Lyllynstoke, *i.e.*, Lilstock. Logebere, *i.e.*, Luxborough.
915. Robert de Helpestone, *cf. Pat. Rolls*, 5 Ed. iii, p. 138. Liston is in Essex.
916. For "Netherstanweye" read "Netherstauweye."
924. Thomas de Schawebury, vicar of Winscombe.
925. Frome, Wellow, and Milborne Port were appropriated to Cirencester Abbey. On p. 242 top line read "Bathoniensem."
927. Last line but one "incontentia." Full stop after "legitime," last line. This document is given as in the MSS.
930. The Yonges afterward acquired the manor of Easton in Gordano. John Yonge was one of Ed. iv's judges of common pleas, 1461, *cf.* Collinson iii, 149.
931. For "achdeaconry" read "archdeaconry."
932. The Order of the Carmelites was founded by Berthold of Calabria, 1180. They retired from Palestine after the loss of Acre, 1298. They were much favoured by Queen Margaret, widow of Ed. i, who settled them at Marlborough, from which place Roger Mortival, bishop of Salisbury, tried to drive them out. The papal order on which this present commission is based is probably that in *Cal. Papal Letters*, vol. ii, p. 190.
933. Walter de Londoniis was a great pluralist. He obtained his stall at Salisbury by papal provision, 1323, *cf. Cal. P.L.* ii, p. 232, and also stalls at London and Lincoln, the archdeaconry of Canterbury, and the provision to the Wells' deanery is dated 2 Non. Mar., 1335, *i.e.*, Benedict xii, *cf. Cal. P.R.* ii, p. 521. *Cf.* Introduction on the Deans of Wells.
934. *Cf.* No. 79, Philip Schipham, the hermit of Wynscombe, and note thereon. This one does not seem to be an *inclusus*. Some hermits were really useful, *cf.* Thomas of Skitbrig, *Pat. Rolls*, 9 Ed. iii, p. 145. Sybilla de Forde, *cf.* Twerton, *cf.* No. 1132, was "inclusa."

943. For "Stanweye" read "Stauweye." Tyckencote in Rutland near Stamford.
964. Osolueston, *i.e.* Oulston, Leicester.
968. The Const. Com ex eo. Boniface viii, Sexti Decret., Lib. 1, Tit. vi, c. 34 allows bishops and superiors to grant licence to rectors for the sake of study to delay their ordination for the space of seven years, thus innovating on Greg. X, in the Council of Lyons, who required them to be ordained within a year after their appointment. They must however be ordained subdeacon within the year.
970. Probably to take a lease of the tithes under the appropriate rector, the prior of Goldcliff, of the parishes of Woollavington, Puriton, and Stowey. The bishop's alms, *i.e.*, prescribed by the bishop to be paid in compensation for the rector's non-residence which deprived the parish of its chief almdoer.
975. Bryschford, *i.e.* Brushford near Wellington, *cf.* Hobhouse's *Drok.*, p. 178, where the patron is called Britel Inwar.
976. The two obligations were those, 1. of the Canon Law. 2. The Cathedral Statutes, *cf.* Fitzjames, Bishop of London, "Ordinatio," *Reg.* p. 127*b*, 128*a*, Bishop Baldock's *Statutes*, pt. 1, cap. 56, Colet's *Epit. of Statutes*, Bk. ii, cap. 15, Jones, *Fast. Sar. Eccl.*, p. 228. In 1349, Elias de Sancto Albano being old and infirm, employs Roger de Kyngton, Archdeacon of Sarum, to give a series of lectures for him. Officium cancellarii est lectiones legendas in ecclesia per se vel per vicarium suum auscultare, *cf.* the oath of Simon de Bristol when made chancellor. Reynold's *Wells' Cath. Appendix M.*, p. 161.
980. Cornemouth, Cernmouth, *i.e.* Charmouth, *cf.* 985.
981. The Actons were lords of the manor of Beercrowcombe.
982. "Salus populi," the Tuesday votive mass taking its name from the officium "Salus populi ego sum, dicit Dominus." On this foundation, *cf.* Church's *Wells*, p. 286 and note, and Bennett's *Wells' Cath. MSS.*, p. 92.
On p. 258, 8 lines from bottom, for "fiere" read "fieri."
989. John Gardiner. Probably a chantry priest. His name does not occur among the beneficed clergy of the period.
997. Bridinton, Exeter, is probably the collegiate church of Crediton. Magalonia probably Montpellier, Chelyndon, *i.e.* Chillingden, Kent.
1000. For "Petrie" read "Petri."
1002. *Cf.* Stephen's *Annals of Chicester*, p. 131.
1003. B. probably Barwick. There were no institutions to this benefice from 1322 to 1436. There are four parishes with names beginning with C in this deanery, but I cannot identify the rector referred to.
1007. Stoket, *i.e.* Stoke sub Ham.
1009. Forton near Stafford in the deanery of Eccleshall.
1115. Kingsdon near Ilchester.
1017. Lawitta, ? Lawhitton near Launceston.
1019. For "pronendum" read "ponendum."
1020. Clafforde, *i.e.* Cloford.
1023. Vill of S. John, *i.e.* Perth.
1026. John Mace was not yet tonsured, *cf.* No. 1032. Chiltherne Domer near Yeovil. Grendon, *i.e.* Grendon Underwood, Bucks.
1029. For "domine" read "domini," page 271, 14th line from bottom and p. 272, for "frost" read "post," line 3.
1032. William Artour was vicar of Clapton in Gordano.
1033. Michael de Wath, probably a king's clerk. Presented to Foston in diocese of

York, April 17, 1334, *cf. Pat. Rolls*, 6 Ed. iii, p. 312; 7 Ed. iii, p. 401 8 Ed. iii, p. 538. Thomas de Evesham, king's clerk, was attorney also for bishop of Winchester and Norwich, *cf. Pat. Rolls*, 8 Ed. iii, p. 533. Robert de Chiggewell held a prebendal stall in St. Paul's Cathedral.

1035. The bishop clearly was unable through ill health to take his September ordination, *cf.* 1032, 1033.

1036. Staunton, *i.e.* Long Stanton, Cambridgeshire.

1047. Full stop at end of fourth line.

1048. *Cf.* Bishop Drokensford's Injunction against unlicensed lodgers "perhendinantes." Hobhouse's *Drok.*, 81, Hugo's *Nunneries of Somerset*, App. 104. See also introduction.

1050. Chapel of S. George of Pottingthrop near Woolyers Hill, west of Banwell. The chapel is now destroyed. Collinson iii, 567.

1052. John de Walton, *cf. Pat. Rolls.* 11 Ed. iii, p. 487.

1053. *I.e.* Representatives of the Martyn family.

1054. The Fichets were a branch of the Malet family and squires of Spaxton. *Cf.* No. 1048, and the Introduction.

1056. *Cf. Pat. Rolls*, 9 Ed. iii, p. 149.

1057. Sir W. de Stowe, king's clerk, was granted the free chapel of Cresswell, *C. Pat. Rolls*, 8 Ed. iii. Sir William de Everdon treats with York Convocation for a grant for the King. *Pat. Rolls*, 11 Ed. iii, p. 546.

1059. Barthon, *i.e.* Barton, Lincolnshire.

1061. Zunstowe, *i.e.* Instow, N. Devon, *cf.* Hingeston Randolph's *Stapeldon*, p. 224, 242. Morcestria became afterwards archdeacon of Barnstaple and finally of Exeter.

1063. Insert "et" before "mitigacionem."

1064. This was probably entered here for convenience of reference, some question having arisen between the vicar and the convent.

1065. St. Paul-trois-chateaux, near Viviers on the Rhone, *cf.* Duchesne, *Fastes Episcopaux*, p. 255. This was Hugh Aimery, who died 1337, *cf.* Gam's *Series.* Roland de Ast, canon of Laon, came as envoy from the pope, *cf. Pat. Rolls*, 9 Ed. iii, p. 167.

1066. Gocelin de Ossa, cardinal bishop of Albano, died at Avignon, 1348. For "Albania" read "Albano."

1067. Coclynton, *i.e.* Cucklington, Sir Henry de Urtiaco was probably dead. He had been patron of the benefice.

1069. p. 283, line 9. Tantonensi in a mistake for Tottonensi, *i.e.* Totnes. Ieuelton, *i.e.* Yeovilton.

1072. For the hospital of S. John, Bath, *cf.* Hunt's *Bath Chartularies seriatim.*

1073. *Cf.* Bishop Hobhouse's *Drokensford*, p. 17.

1074. The archdeacon of Barnstaple had probably been acting on the Const. Othobon. De Concubinariis and of Otho De Concubinis clericorum removendis.

1076. For "Stanleghe" read "Stauleghe," *i.e.* Stawleigh.

1078. Mersston, *i.e.* Marston Bigot.

1083. *Cf.* 1085 and 1128.

1084. Hampton, *i.e.* Bathampton.

1088. "Cum clausula, reservata inductione," *i.e.* the prior of Bath was to settle everything, but was to reserve the fee for induction for the bishop.

1098. *Cf.* No. 769, Milton=Milton Puddimore, Honynton=Honyngton in Warwickshire.

For "Breynton" or "Brynton," read "Greynton."

1101. A notary such as the bishop desired corresponded to an official registrary of institutions, collations, &c. This was a notary episcopal. A notary apostolic was an official secretary of a papal commission. The modern Roman law is based on Dec. Concil. Trident. Sess. 22, cap. 10, De Reform. Our English custom on Stat. 27 Ed. iii, c 1.

1107. Omit comma after constitucionis.

1111. John Wake was the son and heir of Sir Ralph Wake of Dowlish Wake. Isabel his daughter carried her father's share of the manor of Compton Martin into the family of the Keynes. Collinson, iii, 119.

1112. Corscomb, *i.e.* Corscombe, near Wells.

1114. The Wakes only held a third of the manor of Compton Martin. The Audleys derived their interest in Compton Martin through the marriage of Philip, Lord Audley, with Eleanor, daughter of William Martin.

1115. For "domine" read "domini."

1117. p. 299, line 21, read "excellentissimi," p. 300, line 6, read "archidiacono" for "archidiacona," and three lines below divide quasquidem.

1122. Bishop Drokensford granted a begging commission to the collectors in aid of this house, January 22, 1311, *cf.* Hobhouse's *Drokensford*, p. 37. Bishop R. Mitford of Salisbury granted it an indulgence. Collinson iii, 133.

1128. *Cf.* No. 1085.

1132. *Cf.* Nos. 279 and 934.

1139. Tormarton is close to Pucklechurch in Gloucestershire. The licence was probably kept till the date of the next entry when Bishop Ralph was at Pucklechurch.

1143. Last line but one for "seminentibus" read "se minentibus."

1159. Collinson tells us that the manor of Alhampton in the parish of Ditcheat belonged to the Kelly family in Hen. IV's time, and that ruins of the chapel were visible when he wrote, *cf.* iii, 472.

1161. The usual custom was for the rural deans to collect Peter's pence and to pay it to the archdeacons, *cf.* Somt. Record Society's *Glaston. Custumaria*, p. 258. The sum was fixed for the diocese, and the archdeacons had to collect it for the bishop, who was personally bound for the amount.

1163. Robert de Helpiston, *cf.* No. 664.

1168. Carleton Corly, (?) Carlton Curlew, Leicestershire.

1169. For "heretecum" read "hereticum."

1171. Pyn, *i.e.*, Combe Pyne, *cf.* Hingeston-Randolph's *Reg. of Bishop of Bronescombe*, p. 126, *f.* No. 1207. The vicar of Pawlett in Weaver's list appears as Stede but wrongly.

1172. Wodebergh in Winscombe parish.

1173. Bourne in the parish of Wrington.

1178. Robert Lutherpol, a king's clerk, *cf. Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1335, p. 149.

1180. Probably of Wolverton, but the name does not appear in Drokensford's *Register*.

1181. Ikesbourne, *i.e.* Exbourne. For "Clifte" read "Cliste."

1182. Sub arto, the usual phrase is sub arta custodia.

1187. This is clearly an error for Thomas de Hornesbogh, rector of Lamyat, *cf.* No. 2789.

1189. The advowson of Bleadon came to the bishops of Winchester through the benefactions of Earl Godwin's wife Githa.

1197. For "ecclesiaram" read "ecclesiarum," and for "deminus" read "dominus."
1202. Henry Husee, dean of Wells, 1302–1305.
1203. Robert Burnel, bishop of B. and W., 1275–1292. William de Marchia, 1293–1302. Peter Quivil, bishop of Exeter, 1280–1291.
1204. Crewkerne church was given by William I to St. Stephen's Abbey, Caen. The division of the endowments into three portions is probably a survival of an earlier Celtic custom.
1207. *Cf.* No. 1171.
1208. Claverham in the parish of Yatton.
1209. Seal of the rural dean of Poulet. This was an official seal of prelature inferior, *cf.* Const. Othonis "Quoniam tabellionum usus in Regno," Lyndwood, p. 67, Appendix.
1212. Alwarton, *i.e.* Allerton.
1218. Ichestoke, now Idstoke.
1219. Speckington, a tithing in the parish of Yeovilton, *cf.* Collinson iii, 200. Green's *Chantries*, p. 114.
1221. Robert Chapman, *cf.* No. 753.
1226. Wike, *i.e.* Milborne Wick.
1228. Gayspere, *i.e.* Gasper. Penne = Penselwood.
1230. Suthlegh or Southleigh near Seaton, Devon.
1231. Socke, *i.e.* Sock Dennis, S. of Ilchester, so called from the Dacus family. The church and village have long since disappeared.
1232. Marston Bigot.
1238. Richard Bintworth, bishop of London, and Robert Stratford, bishop of Chichester.
1239. Overwere, hodie Weare.
1243. For "Bandmellis" read "Bandinellis."
1246. Friars Hermits, *i.e.* Austin Friars.
1248. Farnberue, *i.e.* Farmborough near Bath.
1249. Not till 1426 do we find an institution to the parochial church of Puckington. The archpresbitery suggests the survival of a system as at Crewkerne.
1250. Culmyngton, *i.e.* Kilmington.
1253. Sevenhampton, *i.e.* Seavington St. Michael.
1254. *I.e.* the Dominican Priory at Bristol in Marshall Street.
1257. Chilterne, *i.e.* Chilthorn Domer.
1271. Chilton, Bridgwater.
1275. For vol. i, read vol. ii.
1278. *Cf.* Rymer's *Fœdera* iv, p. 805. Edward's son, Edward the Black Prince, was made Duke of Cornwall this year, *i.e.*, 1337. "His brother" was John de Eltham, Earl of Cornwall.
1279. For "Anglicam" read "Anglicane."
1283. For "Hanckechurche" read "Hauckechurch," *i.e.* Hawkchurch near Chard. Merlawe, *i.e.* Great Marlow, Bucks.
1299. Barthon, *i.e.* Barton St. Davids, given to Bishop Joscelin by Robert de Meisy. It was especially excluded from the bishop's confirmation of the jurisdiction of the dean and chapter, 1321, *cf.* *Wells' MSS.* 91.
1303. One psalm, *i.e.* one psalter.
1306. The archdeacon of Wells at this time was Roger Mortimer.
1308. First line, for "Venerabile" read "Venerabili," and after London for "episcopo" read "episcopus."

1314. Mr. Weaver suggests that this is probably a mistake for Yenston, a hamlet in the parish of Henstridge.
1318. Wulstan de Bransford not Weston, bishop of Worcester, 1339–1349. He had been chosen before when by papal bull Adam de Orleton was translated from Hereford, 1328.
1320. Wm. de Cammel, who gave this man his title, was rector of Yeovilton.
1326. Aylmer le Botiler.
1328. Beltesford, *i.e.* Belshford near Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
1330. Chilton Muchegros, *i.e.* Charlton Musgrove.
1334. St. Michael's, Ilchester, has disappeared. Collinson iii, 301, records six churches of which only one remains.
1337. This and the following eight documents were probably entered as preliminary to the assignment of Chew to the table of the bishop, *cf. Wells' MSS.* p. 191.
1342. Bishop William de Marchia, 1293–1302.
1346. Cammel, *i.e.* East or Queen Camel.
1347. George, *i.e.* George Rogers, rector of Staple Fitzpaine.
1351. Kingston, near Ilminster.
1352. Gosebradene or Bradon Goviz near Ilminster, now depopulated and a sinecure.
1357. Kyngton, *i.e.* Kington Manfield, hodie Keinton Mandeville. Weaver, *Somt. Inc.*, reads "Davesey" not "Danesy."
1359. Milton, *i.e.* Puddimore Milton, *cf.* 1375.
1368. Dunzete, *i.e.* Donyatt.
1374. Stockland, Bristol, near Bridgwater.
1377. Twelfth line from bottom of page 300, for "perfertur" read "prefertur."
1381. *I.e.* that he can get a priest to marry them in a church which is not parochial.
1389. Holcombe Burnel was a prebend of Wells, but in the diocese of Exeter.
1391. The Cluniac Monastery of Montacute being alien, came into the king's hands and by him was granted to the Earl of Salisbury as custodian in 1339. It became denizen 1407.
1392. *Cf.* Introduction to Bruton and Montacute Chartularies, priors of Montacute.
1401. Boyton near Heytesbury, Wilts.
1402. Winfred, *i.e.* Winford near Chew Magna.
1403. For "Fidis" read "Fidei." The day was August 1.
1404. This controversy about apparitors was probably connected with Bishop Ralph's action in the Wells' archdeaconry, *cf.* No. 1306.
1409. For "Majistri" read "Magistri."
1410. The Ford Manor House was in the parish of Bawdrip, *cf.* Hobhouse's *Drokensford*, p. 276, Collinson iii, 91.
1428. Bellus Locus Regis, *i.e.* Beaulieu Abbey, Hants. For "Sepmryngham" read "Sempryngham." St. Benedict de Hulmo, *i.e.* St. Bennet of Hulme, Norfolk.
1429. I can find nothing in Collinson about this Juliana of Berrow.
1436. This had reference to the successful efforts of the bishop to disafforest his manors of Cheddar and Axbridge.
1441. Selyworth, *i.e.* Selworthy.
1447. p. 385, line 6, for "et Scolonde" read "de Scolonde."
1456. Fourth line, for "quidam" read "quedam."
1462. In Rymer this declaration is said to issue from Herewich, *i.e.* Harwich.
1465. John de Insula, rector of Batcombe.
1466. S. Juliana the Virgin, *i.e.* February 16.

1468. p. 392, fifth line, for "Cornitem" read "Comitem."
1474. Fifth line, for "qua" read "que," and for "emerserent" read "emerserunt."
1477. Dunyate, *i.e.* Donyatt near Ilminster.
1480. Wilkin's *Conc.* ii, 661. For the origin of the quarrel between Edward iii and archbishop Stratford, *cf.* Collier, *Eccles. Hist.*, book vi, cent. xiv, and Birchington's *Life in Ang. Sac.*, i, 19. This first letter is the *libellus famosus.* Stratford is said to have advised the French war, and afterwards under the influence of pope Benedict tried to stop it.
1483. Wilkin's *Conc.*, vol. ii, not vol. i.
1485. Thorn Falcon, Hatch Beauchamp and Beercrowcombe.
1487. Omit comma between "Stoke and Tristre."
1488. Kidesford, *i.e.*, Kittisford.
1490. *Cf.* Rymer's *Fœd.*, v, 329.
1493. Line 11, omit the second "post," and in next line "proxime." Hagham and Burwell, both in Lincolnshire.
1495. For "Burnwell" read "Burwell."
1502. Chyvton, *i.e.*, Chewton Mendip. Isnard Gasqui was precentor of Cavailhon. He was provided by the pope with this prebend, ii. Non. July, 1333, *cf. C. P. Let.*, ii, 374. Bec Herewyne, *i.e.*, Bec Herlouin, S.W. of Rouen, the great abbey whence came Lanfranc and Anselm to Canterbury.
1505. Ed. iii issued an order from Clarendon, July 30, 1343, to the Mayor of London and others ordering a strict scrutiny of all bulls and papal letters. Rymer's *Fœd.*, v, 376.
1506. Upper Stanweye, *i.e.*, Over Stowey, for "n" read "u."
1508. Ford, *i.e.*, Bathford.
1510. Robert Coker, prior of Bruton. *Cf.* Introd. *Bruton Cartulary*, p. xxxii.
1511. Kydeford, *i.e.*, Kittisford.
1516. Chapel of Wyke, *i.e.*, Court de Wick in the parish of Yatton.
1519. A William de Thorpe occurs in commissions de walliis et fossatis for Lincolnshire, March 1336 and 1337, *cf. Cal. Pat. Rolls*, pp. 284, 442.
1520. Wetwang near Great Driffield, Yorkshire. For ordination of vicarage of prebendal church of Wetwang, *cf. Reg. Mag. Alb.*, ii, 326, and archbishop Gray's *Reg. Surtees Society*, p. 189, and for Bull of Innocent III, confirming the church to the See of York, *cf.* p. 125. For this controversy between Walter de Wetewang and Galhardus de Duroforti, nephew of Clement V, *cf. Cal. Papal Reg.*, ii, p. 558.
1522. Nicholas de Bromlegh was rector of Kingston Seymour.
1523. Litton, Chelworth or Chelwood and Shipham, parishes on the hill and near Chew.
1528. P. 413, line 2, supply full stop after "continetur."
1529. Clotheworthe, *i.e.*, Clatworthy.
1530. Radenore, *i.e.*, New Radnor. It suffered much under Owen Glyndwr.
1531. Hugh de Ponte, rector of Freshford.
1539. *Cf.* Rymer's *Fœd.*, v, 460.
1541. Otriton, *i.e.*, Otterton, Devon. Otriton was a cell of Mont St. Michel.
1546. William de Monketon was rector of Ashington, near Yeovil.
1549. Stoke Abbots near Beaminster.
1551. *Cf.* Edward iii's explanatory letter to the Pope written the same day. Rymer's *Fœd.*, v, 490.
1552. Exford had been granted by Johanna Perceval to Bishop Drokensford, 1319,

and his brother Philip Drokensford had granted a lease to John de Godelee *cf. Wells MSS.*, 214.

1558. John de Strengeston had been rector of Stratton on the Fosse.

1565. P. 422, line 2, for "Cantauriensis" read "Cantuarensis," and line 4, for "fuissant" read "fuissent."

1571. Great Gidding near Sawtry, Huntingdonshire.

1572. Jerlington, *i.e.*, Yarlington.

1576. P. 425, line 2, for "Praxedis," "Praxedes."

1580. Oresete, *i.e.*, Orset, Essex, near Tilbury.

1583. P. 427, for "delictas" read "delicias" in line 17.

1592. John North, rector of Cricket Thomas; Robert de Cotes, vicar of Cheddar; John de Bourne, rector of Writlington; John de Torrebrian, vicar of Bridgwater; John, vicar of the Temple church, Bristol; John de Dudemarten, vicar of S. Mary at Stalls, Bath; and William, the sub-prior of Bath; Hugh de Alresford, rector of Goathurst.

1595. *Cf. Pat. Rolls*, 14 Ed. iii, part 1, No. 31, and Rymer's *Fœd.*, v, 174.

1596. *Cf.* Introduction to *Bruton and Montacute Cartularies*, Somerset Record Society.

1597. Second line for "rper" read "per," and last line but two for "connuentibus" read "conniventibus."

1598. Last line but one on 431 read "genere" for "genera."

1600. The substance of Archbishop Stratford's letter is that when the libellus famosus of Edward was read, his own explanation should also be read publicly on all festivals and solemn occasions. He was prepared to give a complete answer to all the charges whenever the King would give him an opportunity.

1601. There had been considerable restoration at the priory under prior Robert Hathbrande, and this may have given an opportunity for these unlicensed quæstuarii, *cf.* Bishop Norbury's *Register*, p. 10.

1602. Bathwick formed part of the possessions of Wherwell nunnery, Hampshire, to which also the church was appropriated, the convent paying a yearly sum to the prior of Bath, *cf. Monasticon*, ii, 642. Hence it is called a prebendal church, *cf. Cal. Papal Registers*, ii, 192, 298. Collinson, i, 121.

1604. Wayford, near Crewkerne. Richard de Rokeber' claimed to be vicar of Kingston near Taunton, and defied Bishop Ralph, and was excommunicated by the bishop, *cf. Wells MSS.*, p. 138. Reynold's *Wells' Cathedral*, p. 155. Richard de Weston had apparently been promoted from Wayford to Kingston.

1608. Fourth line read "quodam" for "quadam."

1609. Legionensi, *i.e.*, Leon. Albienensi, *i.e.*, Albi. "Albertinus de Argenta of the diocese of Ravenna and Alvarus of Leon, a cleric of Peter's (both of them), clerics of our (cardinal) Peter."

1617. The archdeaconry of Bath was endowed with the rectory of Stanton Drew.

1618. Jeule, *i.e.*, Yeovil.

1620. Tuckerscary, to the north of Lytescary. The chantry here was removed soon after to Lytescary by Peter le Lyt. *Cf.* Maxwell Lyte's *Monograph*, Somt. Arch. Proceedings, 1892.

1621. Puckington near Ilminster seems to have been a portionary church. Kynemeresdon, *i.e.*, Kilmersdon.

1625. Stowey, south-east of Chew Stoke. No vicar appears in Weaver's list as early as this. Walter de Burton, subdean, held Chew Magna in 1334.

1626. There is no William in Weaver's list.
1628. *Cf. Wells' Hist. MSS.*, p. 135. The action of the commissaries had taken place extra loca vobis subdita, and the controversy with the dean was settled amicably, July 11, 1342.
1630. Leigh militis, *i.e.*, Angersleigh.
1631. Calveston = Kelston, near Bath.
1632. Fiddington, near Bridgwater. In Weaver's *Somt. Incumbents*, his name appears as Eliot, but wrongly.
1633. The name of the new vicar does not appear anywhere.
1635. Master Thomas, *i.e.*, Thomas de la Felde. This was an unusual licence probably granted on account of youth, and by authority of Boniface VIII. *Sext. Decret.*, lib. i, tit. vi, c. 34.
1636. *Cf. Calendar of Papal Registers*, vol. ii, 551. 12 Kal. Aug. 7 Benedict XII. Philip de Ullingwik had been intruded into the rectory of Modeford in the county of Hereford by the abbot of Gloucester, and had ejected Adam de Radenore. The papal mandate was issued to the bishops of Worcester, Lichfield and Wells.
1639. Seaborough was a chapel with cure, dependent on Crewkerne, *cf.* No. 1645 for the origin of the controversy.
1640. Stowe Michaelis, *i.e.*, Michaelstowe, Cornwall.
1643. Evidently Sock Dennis, near Ilchester. The Cogans were of Huntspill.
1646. For "Calneston" read "Calveston," *i.e.*, Kelston.
1647. Walkelin de Ashemerebroke, rector of Chedzoy; George Roges, rector of Staple Fitzpaine.
1652. The large estate of Combe was managed for the prebendaries by a provost, and John de St. Paul, who was provost, claimed but unsuccessfully, the right to be made a prebendary, *cf. Wells Hist. MSS.*, 107, and section on the provostship in Introduction.
1657. Langton Long Blandford, near Blandford, Dorset.
1666. Penne, *i.e.*, Penselwood.
1666. Cherdelynch, *i.e.*, Charlynch, near Bridgwater.
1668. *Cf.* 1607 and 1608.
1671 For "1842" read "1342."
1672. Chilton Polden. Kynggeslane, probably Kynggestane, *i.e.*, Kingston, near Ilminster.
1674. Kington St. Michael, a Benedictine nunnery near Chippenham.
1681. Sirideston, *i.e.*, the free chapel of Sherston in the parish of North Pether on, *cf.* Green's *Chantries*, p. 58.
1685. The *Custumaria* of Walter de Monyngton, abbot of Glastonbury, now in the Bodleian Library, and documents of his abbotship at Longleat, and the library of Trinity College, Cambridge, await the efforts of the Somerset Record Society.
1686. Kynwardeston, *i.e.*, Kingweston.
1690. Langele Bourel, *i.e.*, Langley Burrel, near Chippenham.
1691. The following days are to be observed as exempt from customary agricultural work—in addition to Sundays and festivals of dedication and patronal saint, the festivals of Circumcision, Epiph., Conv. of S. Paul, Purification, Cathedra Petri, S. Matthew the Apostle, Annunciation, Good Friday, Easter Day, S. Mark, SS. Philip and James, Invention of H. Cross, S. J. ante port Lat., Ascension, Pentecost, Corpus Christi, S. Barnabas, Nat. S. J. Bapt., SS. Pet.

and Paul, Trans. S. Thos. Cant., S. Mar. Magd., S. James, S. Pet. ad vine, Assumption, Decol. S. J. B., S. Bartholomew, Nat. S. Mary Exalt. Crucis, S. Matthew, S. Michael, S. Luke, SS. Simon and Jude, All Saints, S. Martin, S. Andrew, S. Nicholas, Concep. S. M., S. Thomas, Nat. J. C., S. Stephen, S. John Evang., Holy Innocents, S. Thos. Cantuar.

1693. Doubts had arisen whether the constitutions of Bishop W. de Button I had been formally promulged. The bishop has made enquiry, and declares that they were so promulged and are to be observed.

1696. Apperleigh in Stanleigh, *i.e.*, Apley in Stawley.

1697. Durand de Sancto Salvatore was canon of Vienne and papal chaplain, *cf. Cal. P. Lett.*, ii, 544. Cathalauic, *cf.* Barthélemy's Dioc. Ancien de Châlons-sur-Marne.

1701. Putteneye, *i.e.*, Pitney l'Orti, near Huish Episcopi.

1702. Sixth line, for "sacrasancta," read "sacrosancte."

1703. Aisshull, *i.e.*, Ashill, near Ilminster.

1705. For "Bouy," read "Bovy."

1706. For "Tuscany," read "Tusculum," hodie Frascati, a title of the sacred college. So also 1707.

1714. Kingslane, *i.e.* Kingston near Ilminster. The constitution is "Suscepti regiminis" not "regis," *i.e. Extravagants of John XXII*, of 1317, on the division of the fruits of a benefice during vacancy. Tit. I, c. ii.

1717. This was probabiy the first appointment to the new chapel of Lytescary and so perhaps the collation. Peter le Lyt did not die till 1348, *cf.* Maxwell Lyte's *Monograph on Lytes of Lytescary S.A.P.*, second series, vol. xviii, and No. 1620.

1720. Baunton, *i.e.* Bampton near Tiverton, Devon.

1721. Carmpton, *i.e.* Carhampton near Dunster.

1734. Kingston near Taunton. Weaver reads Ashinton, but the Register certainly Alvyngton *Cf.* No. 206, where Robert Hereward or Herierd is mentioned as Archdeacon of Taunton. In 1320 he obtained a papal indult to be absent five years to study civil law at request of Ed. ii, *cf. Cal. Papal Registers*, ii, 210.

1735. Astynton, *i.e.* Ashington near Chilton Cantelo. Pury, *i.e.* Pury Furneaux near Bridgwater, *cf.* Collinson iii, 213.

1736. P. 471, line 4, for "violescat" read "vilescat," and supply comma after benedictionem, fourth line of document

1741. Farleigh, *i.e.* the Cluniac monastery in Wiltshire.

1743. Sanebergh, *i.e.* Seaborough near Crewkerne. The Gouldes held the manor by descent from the Vaux and Rochford families, *cf.* Collinson ii, 272.

1744. The cured chapel of Boyford or Bayford was in the parish of Stoke Trister.

1747. Pikewell, a chapel in the parish of Frome.

1754. For Clement VII read VI. For the Statutes of Benedict XII, *cf.* Wilkin's *Conc.*, ii, 629.

1755. P. 476, second line, for "nichilominos" read "nichilominus."

1760. For "Boueleigh" read "Boneleigh" *i.e.* Bondleigh, and for "Stanleigh" read "Stawleigh."

1761. Stocklynch Ottersay near Ilminster, *cf.* Hobhouse's *Drokensford*, p. 193.

1762. For "Knygth" read "Knyght." For Queynte, *cf.* 1751.

1764. For the small cell of Bercle, *cf.* Introduction.

1766. Gymyngham is in Norfolk. Probably this should be Gillingham, an archbishop's manor in Kent.
1768. Bere, *i.e.* Beercrocombe. The rector was Reg. de Mareschal.
1779. For "celebrare" read "celebrari."
1781. Innocent IV, 1243–1254.
1785. For "Actherop" read "Aethrop," *i.e.* Heythrop, Oxfordshire. Tublevill is evidently a mistake for Turberville
1786. For "Londonio" read "Londinii."
1788. The contractions and omissions in this entry make it almost unintelligible.
1789. P. 489, line 15, for "unius" read "unus." Gratianopolis, *i.e.* Grenoble.
1790. Wyke, *i.e.* Wyke Perham in the parish of Curry-Rivel, "juxta Langport." Pope Alexander IV, 1254–1261. For "Ralph" read "William," *i.e.* Wm. Button i.
1793. Bodecleye, *i.e.* Butleigh.
1798. Pipelpenne in the parish of Seaborough.
1800. W., *i.e.* Bishop William Button, ii. In Weaver's *Somerset Inc.* the name is given as Sutton but wrongly.
1803. These were the decanal penitentiaries for the clergy, *cf.* Const. Arch. Stephen Langton, *Lyndwood Prov.*, p. 327. Hilton, *i.e.* Ilton near Ilminster.
1805. In capite quadragesimæ, *i.e.* Quinquagesima Sunday.
1809. Mulbroke, *i.e.* Millbrook near Southampton.
1814. The Dummers or Domers gave their name to Pendomer and Chilthorn Domer. Richard Domer probably at this time lived at this latter manor.
1817. William Bret held at this time the manor of Sandford Bret; he was a descendant of one of the murderers of St. Thomas of Canterbury, *cf.* Collinson iii, 543.
1822. *Cf.* Batten's *Historical Notes on S. Somt.*, p. 96, and Hobhouse's *Drokensford*, 88–89. Sybilla was the widow of the notorious Alan Plukenet. She probably was renting the house of John Baret.
1826. For "elect" read "choose." John de Hombre was probably of Hummer in Trent, *cf.* Collinson, ii, 283. John de Sutton was rector of Hutton.
1829. For the case of the Archdeacon of Totnes, *cf.* Hingeston-Randolph's *Grand. Reg.* Wambroke is in Dorset, near Chard.
1831. Culmyngton, *i.e.* Kilmington. Mateshale, Mattishall, Norfolk near Wymondham.
1834. Robert, *i.e.* Robert Stratford, bishop of Chichester, 1337–1362.
1837. For "venerabile" read "venerabili"; for "London' episcopo" read "London episcopus." Two lines further read "tocius" for "tocuis" and "Anglie" for "Anglia," and in the next line "Dei" for "Die." On p. 500, line 13, read "constitutos" for "constitutus."
1838. Almondesford, *i.e.* Ansford near Castle Cary.
1846. For "tous seyntz" read "Tous Seyntz."
1847. Ebbolegh, *i.e.* Ubley.
1851. The Pavely family held the manor of Bickenhall but not apparently just at this time, *cf.* Collinson, i, 62. Sir Walter was very often in personal attendance on the bishop.
1859. Day of St. Tiburtius the Martyr, *i.e.* Augt., ii.
1860. Clement VI began again the controversy with the Emperor Lewis IV, which Benedict XII had allowed to slumber. On April 23, 1343, he renewed against him all the censures which John XXII had passed, and this is what

is referred to ii Non. Aug. In 1344 Lewis tried to come to terms with him, but Clement's demands were rejected by the Diet in Sept., 1344. On p. 505, line 7, for "condemptatum" read "condempnatum" and on line 22 read "xxij^{dum}" for "xxij^{dam}."

1862. Omit comma after Cherlton.

1863. Lullington was a cured chapel belonging to the priory of Longleat.

1866. Brocton, *i.e.* Bratton. Ralph de Otney died in the spring of the next year. Wodewyke, a depopulated benefice annexed to Freshford. John de Shenydon was appointed before 1312, *cf.* Hobhouse's *Drok.*, p. 53.

1868. This must have taken place at some meeting of the clergy of the archdeaconry of Wells.

1871. Northbarwe, *i.e.* North Barrow.

1875. Sock Denys.

1878. Dichesghate, *i.e.* Dicheat.

1879. The rector of Blagdon at this time was Thos. de Bony, *cf.* Hobhouse's *Drokensford*, p. 230. Niwehall succeeded him in 1347, *cf.* No. 2007.

1882. Swere, *i.e.* Swyre near Bridport, Dorset.

1886. Hinton, Charterhouse.

1887. For "Corfton" read "Corton," *i.e.* Corton Dinham.

1889. Hywish, probably North Hewish, dioc. Exeter.

1891. Hilton, *i.e.* Ilton.

1892. P. 513, eighth line from top, for "precentor" read "prior."

1894. Between church and Croukorn insert "of."

1897. *Cf.* No. 1866.

1900. This entry was never completed. Baggebergh, *i.e.* West Bagborough.

1904. *Cf.* Note No. 1866.

1908. Wolverton. Weaver reads the name Comy, and possibly the scribe repeated the name of the patron, but certainly the word is Torny for the name of the incumbent.

1911. Stokewake, near Hazelbury Bryant in Dorset.

1913. Dowelton, *i.e.* Dolton near Torrington, N. Devon.

1917. The third institution within four months.

1921. Wotton, *i.e.* Wooton Courtney. Brightleigh is in the parish of Chittlehampton, *cf.* Hingeston-Randolph's *Stapleton's Register*, p. 197.

1923. *Cf.* Introduction. It is uncertain whether this Stephen de Salopia was connected with the bishop, *cf.* No. 2368. The abbot then was staying with the bishop.

1924. Conedoure, *i.e.* Condover, s. of Shrewsbury.

1928. Eston in Gordano. Magheyn, *i.e.* Machen near Newport, Mon.

1931. Baunton, *i.e.* Bampton, Devon.

1936. Wrytton, *i.e.* Writhlington. Hiwissh, *i.e.* Huish Episcopi.

1938. Kyngton, *i.e.* Keinton Mandeville.

1945. Second line of Latin for "gratio" read "gratia," and on tenth line for "quinio" read "quinimmo" as the expanded word.

1948. Cloteworth, *i.e.*, Clatworthy.

1950. Bruer and Egle, two houses of Knights Hospitallers in Lincolnshire. Ellesworth, *i.e.*, Elworthy.

1954. Monkton, S.W. of Pembroke.

1955. Heghfelde, *i.e.*, Heathfield.

1956. This is clearly a mistake of the registrary. The Veels held the manor of Norton,

and were patrons of Veel and Norton Fitzwarren, and so Weaver, *Somt. Inc.*, places these names in the list of vicars of that place. *Cf.* next section.

1958. Page 532, line 3, read "extendit" for "extendet," and on page 533, line 25, for "Isabella" read "Isabelle," and on first line 534, for "et Estcoker" read "apud Estcoker" Among the witnesses does not John le Deo suggest the part the man took in some miracle play? Chilfrome, near Maiden Newton, Dorset.

1960. Whitchurch canonicorum, Dorset.

1962. Withingdon, *i.e.*, Whittington, near Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

1968. This is printed at length in *Wilkins*, vol. ii, not vol. iii. The constitutions were drawn up on the petition of Canon Walter de Hulle, and for the ordering of the chaplains, xiii in number, attached to the Cathedral Church, and for their residence in the Nova Aula which Hulle had founded and which bishop Ralph enlarged and enriched. There are twenty-two clauses, and all relate to the duties of these chantry priests and the regimen of their lives.

1976. Clopton, *i.e.*, Clapton in Gordano. Middleton was not vicar as stated in Weaver's *Somt. Inc.* The manor was part of the honour of Gloucester, and was held by the Arthurs. This William was probably the son of Richard, and therefore grandson of the better known Sir W. Arthur, *cf.* Collinson, iii, 177.

1979. Vapicenensi, *i.e.*, Vapincensi, Gap. Hautes Alpes. S. Pontii Thomeriarum *i.e.*, S. Pons de Tomières. Stephen Aldebrand was bishop, 1345-9.

1988. Bishopton, W. of Swansea, Glamorgan.

1990. Hewysh, *i.e.*, Huish near Marlborough, Wilts.

1995. Bathealton.

1996. Brymesfeld, *i.e.*, Brimpsfield, in the Cotswolds, Gloucestershire.

2002. For "populos" read "populus" in first line, and in line 7 for "genitrices" read "genetricis," and four lines from the end for "ordinendum" read "ordinandum," and in line above omit comma after aliis. Pulton, *i.e.*, Pilton, near Shepton Mallet.

2004. *Cf.* Const. Simon Mepham, 1328. Quia ex contractibus matrimonialibus, &c. Lyndwood, lib. iv, tit. 3, p. 273, and Innocent III, Decretal, lib. iv, tit. 3, c. 3. This priest does not appear to have been beneficed in the diocese.

2009. Shepreth in Cambridgeshire and diocese of Ely, not Sarum. Chatteris was a priory of Benedictine nuns.

2010. Chilcombe near Bridport, Dorset.

2011. Bere, *i.e.*, Beercrocombe.

2015. Clotheworth, *i.e.*, Clatworthy.

2020. Omit last line. Stodlegh, *i.e.*, Benedictine nunnery of Studley, Oxfordshire.

2025. Berliz, *i.e.*, Barlinch.

2029. Wondestre, *i.e.*, Wanstrow.

2030. Orchard Portman.

2034. Merston Beauchamp, *i.e.*, Marston Magna. Quedike, *i.e.*, Quethiock.

2039. Line 17, for "predictorem" read "predictorum."

2041. Streatley, near Goring.

2043 The first intimation of the Black Death. It was now raging at Weymouth, and in South Dorset. For "tronitrua" read "tonitrua" in first line, and insert on line 18, inverted commas before and after "et vidit Deus—misertus est Deus."

2044. Madeley, near Hereford.
2052. *Cf.* Green's *Chantries*, p. 112. It was a free chapel.
2054. Easton in Gordano.
2060. For "Clifton" read "Cliston," *i.e.*, Broadclyst, Devon, *cf.* Hingeston-Randolph's *Reg.* Stapledon, p. 197.
2062. Lenge, *i.e.*, Lyng.
2067. Wolfryngton, *i.e.*, Wolverton. Weaver's *Somt. Inc.*, 217, gives the name Promencial but incorrectly.
2068. Wookey was a peculiar of the subdean, and the commission was necessary on account of the subdeanery being vacant.
2077. Aschton near Bristol, *i.e.*, Long Ashton.
2078. For the chantries attached to Woolavington, *cf.* Weaver, *S.I.*, p. 220, and Green's *Chantries*, p. 61, *cf.* also No. 2575. The lists are somewhat confused. Durborough, a manor in Stoke-courcy parish.
2079. For Lymyngton chantry, *cf.* Green's *Chantries*, p. 108.
2081. Stockland Gaunt, *i.e.*, Bristol, the patron being the hospital of Gaunt or Byleswyke near Bristol.
2088. Crich, *i.e.*, Creech St. Michael.
2095. Orchard, *i.e.*, Orchard Portman.
2104. Corton Dinham.
2105. Kingston, near Taunton.
2109. Seveburgh, *i.e.*, Seaborough near Crewkerne.
2116. The Montforts were of Farleigh, and half the advowson had been given to Jocelyn by Robert de Meysi, *cf. Wells MSS.*, 35, 215.
2130. The mandate is addressed to all rectors, vicars, and priests that they should make known to the laity that on account of the spread of the plague—contagium pestilentiæ moderni temporis undique se dilatans—they need not hesitate if they are overtaken with the sickness and cannot make confession to a priest, to confess to one another, and even to a woman—quod predicta confessio facta laico in casu præmisso juxta doctrinam ecclesiæ et canonica instituta ad remissionem peccatorum eis multum salubris esse poterit et prodesse . . . . . sacramentum vero eucharistiæ in absentia presbyteri poterit per diaconum ministrari.
2141. Granted in 1339 to William de Montacute, Earl of Salisbury.
2155. Easton in Gordano.
2159. For "prior" read "prioress."
2166. Ralph Saunt Zavoir (Sansaver) was squire of Spargrove in the parish of Batcombe. Note the evident misconception of the origin of the name.
2168. The interest of the alien abbey of Jumiège was ultimately given by Henry V, in 1413, to the priory of Shene.
2178. Egforton or Fairoke, *cf.* Weaver, *S.I.* 476. The hamlet of Fairoke, now part of the parish of Berkeley, was formerly a parish itself. The benefice was attached to Berkeley in 1460. *Cf.* Collinson ii, 203.
2181. William Hockedei. Hockday was the second Tuesday after Easter week.
2182. *Cf.* Green's *Chantries*, 34. This was the chapel attached to the church and not the free chapel that belonged to Athelney Abbey.
2186. Kytenore, hodie Culbone.
2187. Westhulle, *i.e.*, Wheathill, William de Banastre was the patron.
2188. Cutcombe.
2190. For "Hestharptre" read "East Harptree"

2199. The hospital of St. John the Baptist, Bridgwater.
2200. Charlton Canfield or Horethorne.
2205. Treborough. For an account of Ralph Fitzurse, *cf.* Collinson iii, 488.
2216. S. Michael's, Burnet, near Keynsham.
2219. Brokton, *i.e.*, Bratton. The name of the rector does not occur in Weaver's *Incumbents*.
2220. Pennard, *i.e.*, East Pennard.
2223. Kington, *i.e.*, Keinton Mandeville. The name is Roger Canonicus.
2230. Seyredeston, *i.e.*, Sherston in North Petherton, *cf.* Green's *Chantries*, p. 58, Collinson iii, 61, 72.
2231. Wynfrete, *i.e.*, Winford. Weaver gives the name as Bobet.
2233. Estdoulygh, *i.e.*, Dowlishwake.
2235. Merston Beauschamp, *i.e.*, Marston Magna. Polsloe, a house of Benedictine nuns in Devonshire.
2237. Pykewelle chapel in Frome.
2240. Burwe, *i.e.*, Berrow.
2245. For "Haselore" read "Haselbere."
2253. Lutleton, *i.e.*, High Littleton. Weaver, *Somt. Inc.*, reads John Daw.
2255. Calveston, *i.e.*, Kelston. These conditional appointments afford evidence of the uncertainty caused by the Black Death. Berwick St Leonard near Shaftesbury.
2256. Hornblauton, *i.e.*, Hornblotton.
2260. Welwe, *i.e.*, Wellow.
2264. Kingston, near Ilminster.
2265. Ayscote, *i.e.*, Ashcot.
2266. Kulveton, *i.e.*, Kilton.
2275. Weaver, *Somt. Inc.* refers this to Chilton Canteloe, and gives the name as Sutton, but the entry is quite indefinite, and I do not think the name is Sutton, but begins with a D.
2279. Stokedenys, *i.e.* Sock Dennis. Nicholas de Bonvill was patron. Weaver reads Nyweton but incorrectly.
2280. *Cf.* for Norton Hautville, Weaver, *Somt. Inc.*, p. 279, and No. 2405.
2281. *Cf.* 2292.
2282. *Cf.* Green's *Chantries*, p. 112.
2286. Weston juxta Cammel, *i.e.* Weston Bampfield. Weaver reads Lovere instead of Bonere.
2294. Ralph de Middelneye was patron of East Lydford and Exton.
2297. This was an order of the king and council. It was made an Act on the petition of the Commons in 1351. On sixth line for "excarencia" read "ex carencia." On page 294 read "noluerit" for "non voluerit" in twelfth line, and "arta" for "arca" three lines further down. Eight lines from end read "salario" for "solario." On p. 595, line 6, read "pro precio" for "proporcio," and on line 11, for "alia" read "alio."
2304. Thorne, *i.e.* Thorne Coffin; for the full stop after buried put a comma.
2308. Add "he" after Yeovil, line 11 from end.
2312. For "Mark" read "Mary."
2313. Read "Wyncaulton" for "Wyncanlton." Chirton, *i.e.* South Cheriton.
2319. Mynstreton, *i.e.* Misterton.
2321. The order from Simon Islip, elect of Canterbury, to Ralph Stratford of London, on which this letter is based is dated 5 Ides, Jan. 1349, *i.e.* 1350, *cf.* Wilkin's *Conc.* ii, 752.

2326. P. 604, line 7, perhaps for "refectoris" we should read "refectorii," and line 16 "consuetas" for "cosuetas" and on p. 605, line 3, "carinum" for "caruum."

2328 On p. 606, line 3, for "proni" read "prout" and "spallentibus" for "spallenbas." On 10th line "superpelliciis" for "supelliciis," and next line "intersint" for "intersit." Adam, *i.e.* Adam de Sodbury, who died 1335.

2337. Chricheston, *i.e.* Christon.

2338. Ryxem served Wembdon Chantry, 1348–50. Vicar of Stogumber, 1350. Priest of second Chantry at Woolavington, 1351. He may have been the deputy of the Archdeacon of Taunton, Hereward, now an old man.

2347. Lyghe Militis, *i.e.*, Angersleigh.

2349. Staurewyke, *i.e.* Standerwick.

2354. Compton, *i.e.* Compton Bishop.

2360. Sir Thomas Cary held the Manor of Elm at this time. William Portbref however presented to Elm in 1318. *Cf.* Hobhouse's *Drokensford*, p. 10.

2366. Stephen Aldobrandi, Archbishop of Arles (omit St.), translated to Toulouse, 1350.

2367. The prior of Shrewsbury was clearly staying with the bishop at the time.

2368. Chilton Cantelo.

2377. Santford Orkeys, *i.e.* Sampford Orcas.

2379. Orchard Portman.

2381. For "Stanlegh" read "Stawleigh."

2382. Seavington St. Michael.

2384. Clonesworthe, *i.e.* Closworth.

2390. *Cf.* No. 2230.

2391. Milton Clevedon.

2395. Tholand, *i.e.* Tolland, near Wiveliscombe.

2400. *Cf.* below, No. 2570.

2402. Wilkins, ii, 578 not 571. Edn. 1737.

2403. Hetham, *i.e.* High Ham. Ufcolmp, *i.e.* Uffculme, Devon.

2404. Merston, *i.e.* Marston Bigot.

2405. Norton Hauteoyle, *i.e.* Norton Haytville or Hawtefelde. *Cf.* Green's *Chantries*, p. 84. It is in the parish of Norton Malreward. For 2505 read 2405.

2407. Church of Cory, *i.e.* North Curry.

2408. Thomas of Cantilupe was Bishop of Hereford, 1275–1283. Canonised 15 Kal. May, 1320. *Cf. Cal. Papal Letters* (4 John xxii), ii, p. 199. On p. 618, line 4, for "gloriosus" read "gloriosa."

2409. *Cf.* Collinson, ii, 186. Green's *Chantries*, 102. There is said on somewhat doubtful authority to have been a cell for some nuns there. In Collinson's time the chapel was divided into several tenements. *Somerset Incumbents*, p. 91.

2412. Dungate, *i.e.* Donyatt.

2413. The clergy referred to are those of the parishes of North Newton, Michael Church, and Durston, all adjacent.

2415. This is the Daubeney chapel in S. Petherton church. *Cf.* Green's *Chantries*, p. 9.

2417. *Cf.* No. 2518. Winterbourn Chireboro, or Charborough, near Sturminster Marshall, Dorset.

2418. Omit comma after Ricardi.

2423. Hywyisch, *i.e.* Huish Episcopi.

2424. For "Bradenord" read "Bradeford."

2428. Sutton Militis in Chew Magna. The manor got its name from the St. Loes. *cf.* Collinson, ii, 95.
2429. East Coker chantry, *cf.* Green's *Chantries*, p. 142.
2431. Instead of "for the deanery" read "from the deanery."
2432. Richard Sanford, rector of Barton St. David's.
2434. Wm. Edington, bishop of Winchester, 1346–1367. Orchard Portman, and in next document also.
2440. For "perticma" read "perticam." *Cf.* Green's *Chantries*, 107, and No. 2445. The Great Pestilence had ruined Ilchester.
2447. Line 5, after "libertates," insert "ecclesiasticas hiis diebus pluries," line 3 from bottom, "habende" for "habunde," and last line for "certiori" read "certiorari."
2448. On p. 629, sixth line, insert "et" between "finem" and "effectum."
2458. Stockland Bristol.
2460. Note the introduction of the abbot of Shrewsbury as indicative of the bishop's origin.
2461. Dinnington, a chapel dependent on Seavington S. Michael.
2465. North Cheriton.
2470. For "Archdeacon of Taunton," read "Archdeacon of Totnes." *Cf.* Nos. 1069 and 2501.
2473. Ninth line, misterii (sic), *i.e.* ministerii.
2475. For "Hocton" read "Hutton." Jacton, *i.e.* Yatton. Line 8, for "inpellise" read "inpellisse," and on p. 641, third line, "mente" for "menti."
2477. Kynele, perhaps Kynley, Gloucester.
2483. Chapel of La Forde in Bawdrip parish. Kingston near Taunton. *Cf.* Green's *Chantries*, p. 64.
2486. For "Stanlegh" read "Stawleigh."
2487. Milton Clevedon.
2489. Bockland, *i.e.*, Buckland Newton, Dorset.
2490. Calwston, *i.e.*, Kelston near Bath.
2491. Nygenhuyde, *i.e.*, Ninehead.
2493. Worth, *i.e.* Worth Matravers. The other places are Swanage, Spettisbury, Downton. Winkfield near Reading, or Winkfield near Pottern. Almer is in Dorset near Sturminster Marshall. Immere, perhaps Imber St. Giles. .W: Karoutham, &c., *i.e.* the prebendal stalls of Wimborne, *cf.* Hutchinson's *Dorset*, ii, 80.
2501. Totton, *i.e.* Totnes. *Cf.* Nos. 1069, 2470, where he is wrongly called "of Taunton."
2504. "Cuneworth," read "Cudworth."
2508. Churyton, *i.e.* Cheriton. There is more than one.
2513. Alludeford, *i.e.* Alford. Lamuas, *i.e.* Llanvages, near Caerwent, Monmouth.
2518. John de Navenly, vicar of Pawlett, was appointed 1340, *cf.* above.
2521. This was quite natural, considering how the whole diocese had been impoverished by the Black Death.
2535. *Cf.* 2557.
2538. Culveton, *i.e.* Kilton.
2542. Remigius, bishop of Comacchio, appointed 1349.
2544. Robert de Grymmeston, rector of Maperton, *cf.* No. 1792. He was probably not in priest's orders.
2548. This refers to the great controversy between Robert Wyville and the Earl of Salisbury for the possession of Sherborne castle, *cf.* Jones' Salisbury, p. 126.
2549. Insert comma after "Bernard," line 3 from bottom.

2550. The first Statute of Provisors was passed in February of this year. Bishop Ralph may have found it necessary to take some precautionary measure. Cheriton Fitz Payne, near Cullompton, Devon.

2556. Hinton and Adbere in parish of Mudford. For Adbere chapel regarded as in Trent parish, *cf.* Green's *Chantries*, p. 146.

2557. Misericordia Domini, *i.e.* Introit for the second Sunday after Easter, *cf.* Wilkin's *Concilia*, iii, 17.

2558. Almoundesford, *i.e.* Almsford, Brodhenton, *i.e.* Broad Hinton, near Swindon Wilts. The names in Weaver differ considerably but the MSS. is as above.

2559. Walter de Chaddeshounte was the rector. In August, John le Potter became rector.

2561. Prestbury near Cheltenham. First line, for "litero" read "litera," and in 10th line, "eodem" for "eodum."

2562. Runnington, to which Langford Budville and Thorn S. Margaret's were adjacent.

2570. The free chapel of Hydall, *cf.* Green's *Chantries*, p. 83.

2575. Durburgh. There was a sinecure chapel here belonging to Stokecourcy Priory. It was in the hundred of Whitley, *cf.* Hobhouse's *Drokensford*, p. 8, Dickenson's *Kirkby's Quest*, 309.

2576. Wynfryth, *i.e.* Winford, Weaver reads "Bobet."

2577. The Constitutions of Archbishop Simon Mepham were issued at the prov. council of S. Paul's in January, 1328. There were nine clauses, *cf.* Lyndwood's *Provinciale*, *Appendix*, p. 40. The Constitutions of John Stratford were issued in 1342 in March and October. The earlier contain fifteen clauses and the later, called sometimes the Extravagants, contain twelve clauses, *cf.* Lyndwood's *Appendix*, p. 43.

2578. Simon de Sudburiâ, became Archbishop of Canterbury, 1375, and was murdered 1381.

2580. The chantry of Combe Flory is called that of S. M. Magd. in Green's *Chantries*, p. 35.

2582. Kingeston, probably Kingweston, but the name of the rector does not appear in Weaver.

2583. The prebend had fallen vacant during the vacancy of the see on the death of Wm. de Marchia, and had not been claimed, *cf. Wells' MSS.*, p. 142.

2586. *Cf.* Nos. 2600, 2651, and 2692.

2588. *Cf.* Const. Peckham-Altissimus de terra. Lyndwood's *Provinciale*, iii, tit. 16. p. 185. . . nullus communionem prœbet parochiano alterius sacerdotis sine ipsius licentia manifesta, &c.

2589. Richard de Chaddeslegh was rector of Kempsey, Worcestershire, as far back as 1334. He went abroad with Ed. iii in that year. *Cf. Pat. Rolls*, 8 Ed. iii, pt. 2, no. 17.

2590. Beccus Herewyne, *i.e.* Herlewyn. Lanleye, *i.e.* L'Onley.

2598. Salty-in-Pedirtham, in the parish of Cannington. Perdham or Petherham is mentioned in Domesday, *cf.* Collinson i, 234–235. Salthay or Salty belonged to the Tilly family, *cf.* also Green's *F. Fines*, p. 364.

2600. *Cf.* Note on 2651 and 2692. Nighenhuyde = Nynehead.

2606. This would allow him to celebrate twice on the same day.

2608. *Cf.* 2597 and 2612.

2611. *I.e.*, that Thomas Smyth of Lymington, vicar of Chewton Mendip, could also celebrate the same day at Emberrow.

2617. The priory at Bath had been greatly reduced by the Black Death.
2620. The dean and chapter of Wells seem to have made a grant for life on several occasions to prebendaries of the rectory of Stogumber, *cf.* *Wells' MSS.*, p. 119, and Bishop Bowet's *Reg.*, p. 37.
2625. Sock Dennis.
2629. Third line from end for "at" read "and" before "others."
2631. Staverton in Gloucestershire, near Cheltenham.
2644. *I.e.*, the Duke of Lancaster's crusade in Prussia, *cf.* Henry, 1st Duke of Lancaster, *Dict. Nat. Biog.*
2650. *Cf.* No. 2654.
2651. *Cf.* Nos. 2692 and 2715. Thomas de Shirugge, *cf.* *Pat. Rolls*, 1 ed. iii, pt. 1, m. 20. He was married at Nynehead, *cf.* No. 2600.
2670. Robert de St. Clare held at this time the manor of Stapleton; the rector was Richard de Chadesle, junr.
2675. Senebergh, *i.e.*, Seaborough. Northon, *i.e.*, Norton.
2680. For "Simon de Hulle," read "Stephen de Hulle."
2683. For "Prollock" read "Porlock."
2684. Huntworth in North Petherton. For the Pophams of Huntworth, *cf.* Collinson, iii, 71.
2685. Vyfhyde, *i.e.*, Fivehead.
2689. Villa nova, Villeneuve-les-Avignon. Laryhorne, *i.e.*, St. Ruan Lanyhorne, Cornwall. Tholosensibus ac Brakarensibus arch., *i.e.*, Toulouse and Braga. Tullensi et Abroicensi diocesibus, *i.e.*, Toul and Evreux.
2692. *Cf.* 2600 and 2651.
2695. Staulagh, *i.e.*, Stawleigh.
2696. This is a mistake for Henry, who was created Duke of Lancaster, 1351. The prayers are in reference to the duke's crusade in Prussia, *cf.* No. 2644.
2698. Aischsprington, *i.e.*, Ashprington, Devon, near Totnes.
2704. For "Gydenham" read "Gydesham," *i.e.*, Gittisham, Devon. Robert Alewy was instituted, December 13, 1349.
2712. P. 709, line 7, read "officia" for "officicia"; line 11, for "rationcinia" read "ratiocinia"; and line 13, for "constitutiones" read "constitutione."
2720. Brompton, *i.e.*, Brympton.
2727. "The chapel of Cutheleston," *i.e.*, Cothelstone.
2728. Ryme in Dorset, near Yetminster.
2731. Orchard, *i.e.*, Orchard Portman, and Crych, Creech St. Michael.
2735. Uppehotery, *i.e.*, Uppottery, Devon.
2738. Sevenhampton Michael, *i.e.*, Seavington St. Michael.
2739. William, cardinal bishop of Tusculum not Tuscany, *i.e.*, Wm. de Court, bishop of Albi, and cardinal Tit. Tusculum.
2742. West Hanningfield, Essex, near Chelmsford.
2743. This chantry disappears before the Dissolution, *cf.* Green's *Chantries*, p. 13.
2750. Ferschforde, *i.e.*, Freshford.
2751. Crich, probably Evercreech.
2752. P. 722, for "comodum" read "commodum."
2755. Pykewell, formerly near Frome.
2756. Studley in Oxfordshire.
2756. Because the patron, the priory of Stogursey, or Stokecourcy, was an alien priory.
2759. Last line but one, for "ad hec" read "ad hos."
2762. It has not yet been discovered how the prebend of Warminster acquired

the name of Luxeville. *Cf. Wells Cath. MSS. Cal.*, p. 118, and Church's *Wells.*

2763. *Cf.* Const. Archbishop Stephen in Lyndwood's *Provin.*, lib. iii, tit. 4, p. 131. "Cum hostis antiquus."

2767. Backwell was a portionary church, and there were no institutions between 1318 and this date, *cf.* Hobhouse's *Drokensford*, 18 and 47.

2768. St. Germain's, Cornwall, was one of the greater houses of Austin Canons.

2771. Buckland, *i.e.*, Mynchin Buckland, near Durston, the only house in England of Sisters of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

2775. This may be Walton near Street.

2781. *Cf.* No. 2777.

2782. Chrichston, *i.e.*, Christon. Moncketon, *i.e.*, West Monkton.

2791. St. Marcellus the pope, *i.e.*, January 16.

2792. Line 3, for "spouse" read "sponse."

2798. Murifield, a manor in the parish of Ilton; it was now in the possession of John de Beauchamp, and his sister Margaret apparently lived here. In 1361, John left it to his sister Cecily, and through her it went ultimately to the Pophams, *cf.* Collinson, i, 47.

2804. Simon de Cherde, vicar of Pitminster. Dean of Cruke, *i.e.* rural dean of Crewkerne.

2807. "Prohibited the testimony," *i.e.* gave the man a bad character.

2809. Creech St. Michael.

2815. Hampton, *i.e.* Bathampton. Husee was one of the principal counsel of the Bath priory, *cf.* Hunt's *Bath*, p. 144.

2823. Kyngton, *i.e.* Keinton Mandeville.

2822. Hestercombe in the parish of Kingston near Taunton. *Cf.* Hobhouse's *Drokensford*, p. 109.

2827. Claverham, a free chapel in the parish of Yatton. The manor was held at this time by the Rodneys as part of the honour of Gloucester.

1.* Schepham, *i.e.* Shipham. R. W. Tybrighton seems to have been the official registrary in attendance on the bishop.

4.* Wyke Perham in Langport, *cf.* No. 17.

8.* Chilthorn Domer.

14.* Actricem. Christiana Courtenay seems to have been the prosecutrix.

16.* Bichenstoke, *i.e.* Beauchampstoke, according to Collinson, who places it partly in Nempnet parish and partly in Chew Stoke.

25.* Elizabeth, d. of John, Lord Wake, and widow of Edmund, Earl of Kent, married secondly, Sir Eustace D'Abrichcourt, second son of Lord D'Abrichcourt, one of the followers of Philippa of Hainault, consort of Ed. iii.

31.* Tymberghe, *i.e.* Timsbury.

35.* Karamptone, *i.e.* Carhampton.

39.* William, episcopus Tusculanus, W. de Court, Cardinal bishop of Frascati or Tusculum, who died at Avignon, June 12, 1361.

42.* Hampton, *i.e.* Bathampton.

45.* Kyngeston, *i.e.*, Kingsdon.

47.* Legh Militis, *i.e.* Angersleigh.

60.* Culveton, *i.e.* Kilton

62.* Stokegiffard, *i.e.* Rodney Stoke.

66.* It is difficult to decide as to the signature of Tybryghton. R. W. may mean Registrarius Wellensis. He certainly was Roger.

67.* Merston, *i.e.* Marston Magna.
68.* John de Langebrugge, *cf.* Bishop Stubbs' *Registrum*, 144.
69.* For "Stanlegh" read "Staulegh hodie Stawleigh."
72.* Speckyngton in the parish of Yeovilton.
75.* Yconomatio, *i.e.* sequestration. The former patron was the alien priory of Wilmington, Sussex.
76.* The folio here is 273b.
78.* Montford Farlegh, *i.e.* Farleigh Hungerford, Coll. iii, 351.
79.* West Monkton adjoins Creech St. Michael.
81.* Crych, *i.e.* Creech St. Michael. The Cluniac monastery of Montacute, which held the advowson, had not yet severed its connection with Cluny, and so was alien.
93.* Brodemerschton, *i.e.* Marston magna.
100.* Deuelisch William, *i.e.* Dowlishwake. Weaver gives the name Bacon, but wrongly.
102.* Rowberrow is the adjoining parish to Shipham.
103.* Kyngesdon near Charlton Mackrell.
108.* For "Staulegh" read "Stawley." Gryndenham, probably Greenham Barton.
114.* Estansty, *i.e.* East Ansty near Dulverton. Witheridge near Tiverton. Weaver's manuscript reads Henry de Lutlynton as the name of the rector of Spaxton, but not so the manuscript.

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